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A Brief Record of the Kennedy Family
of
Lenoir and Wayne Counties, North Carolina

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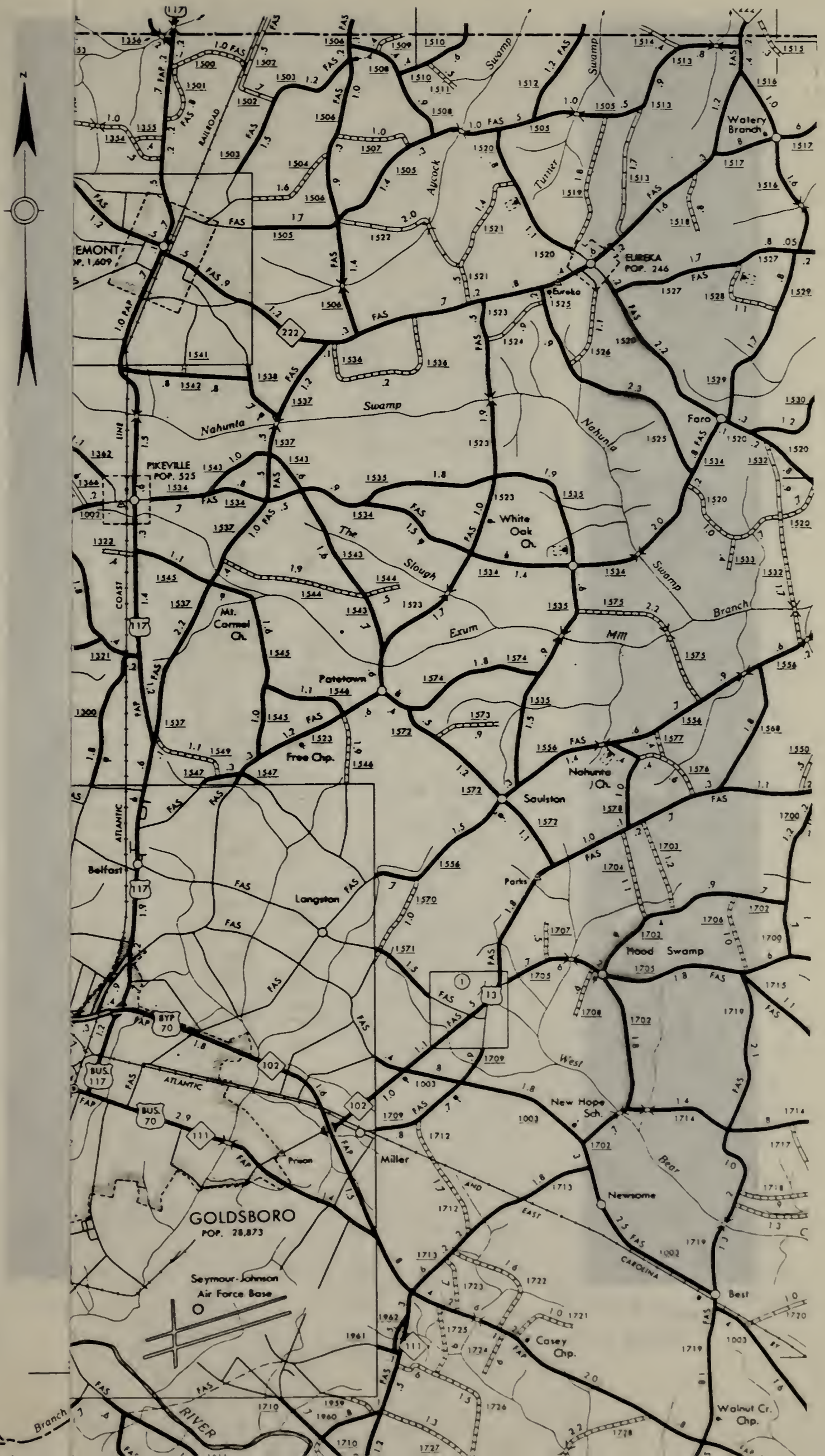
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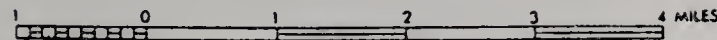


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1. Home of John Kennedy III (1)
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2. Home of John Kennedy IV (2)
3. Home of John T. Kennedy, Col. C. S. A.
4. Neuse Meeting House (Quaker)
5. Quaker Neck

SCALE





BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN THOMAS KENNEDY, VII (3), U. S. Army
Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit,
Silver Star, Officer of Etoile Noir

PREFACE

It has for a long time been my desire to make a permanent record of some of the history and statistics of the Kennedy family to which I belong. I have often felt the lack of some such record as I have searched in vain for accurate information of my early Kennedy ancestors from the time of their arrival in America. Much valuable information has been lost by fire and otherwise. Many records have also been lost through neglect and carelessness. Much information is scattered piecemeal in various places and families, making it very difficult to get a clear picture of the family as a whole. The official records are found, if at all, in many volumes and places and are difficult to piece out and put together. I have encountered much frustration and many bafflements. However, I have decided to proceed with the hope that however inadequate it may be, this book will serve to obviate to a degree some of the difficulties enumerated above.

That part of the Kennedy family included in this brief history is a large one and has many ramifications. It is scattered in many states of the union and many of the modern generations I do not know. I do not have their addresses. It is regretted that all names could not be included. Particular effort has been made to include all of the older ancestors from the first generation in America down to about the sixth generation. Much additional information is also included. There are unavoidably many omissions and no doubt some inaccuracy and incompleteness. Corrections and additions are welcomed with the hope that future editions may be more complete and accurate.

There has been included a number of blank pages in the back of the book. The purpose of these blank pages is to enable anyone who so desires to pick up his or her family line at the appropriate point and bring it up to date. Thus the family of husband or wife can be shown along with the names of children and grandchildren. A more or less complete family record of any modern family can thus be made available in a single volume. This procedure is recommended.

The history and genealogies of the several counties in North Carolina should be carefully observed and studied since all counties were not made at the same time and at least one, Dobbs, does not now exist. Craven was a very large county in eastern North Carolina existing from early times. It originally included several counties now in that part of the state including Wayne and Lenoir. Johnston

County was formed from the upper part of Craven in 1746. Dobbs County was formed from Johnston in 1758 and included what are now Wayne, Greene, and Lenoir. Wayne County was formed from Dobbs in 1779. The remainder of Dobbs was later (1790) divided into Lenoir and Greene Counties and Dobbs County disappeared. It is important to keep this county genealogy in mind when searching early records or reading this book.

Some of the early Kennedys were members of the Society of Friends, often called Quakers. This applies especially to that branch that moved from Lower Falling Creek neighborhood near Kinston in Lenoir County to Quaker Neck near Upper Falling Creek near Goldsboro in Waynes County. It is not known that any of the Kennedys who remained in Lenoir County were Quakers but it is believed that they were not since none of their names are mentioned in available Quaker records. Much invaluable information about the Wayne County Kennedys has been obtained from Quaker sources, especially Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of Quaker Records in the United States. Hinshaw's Encyclopedia contains countless Quaker family records found mostly in monthly meeting records all over the eastern part of the United States.

A great deal of information can be found in the Colonial Records of North Carolina and in early deed books. Early war records, including the Revolution, also contain valuable information although rather meager and limited.

In the preparation of this work many individuals were consulted and many written records examined. Since I was born and now live in South Carolina it has been difficult to search all sources. Many valuable sources of information are available in the North Carolina Archives and Historical Records at Raleigh. For the interest of those who desire to make further study of their families there is given below several sources of information which should be of help:

1. Colonial Records of North Carolina, Saunders.
2. Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of Quaker Records.
3. U. S. Census Reports, 1790-1850.
4. Early Land Grants.
5. Early Will Books.
6. Family Records of Kennedy and Related Families.
7. Grave markers in many churchyards and cemeteries.
8. Old family Bibles.

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CHAPTER I

Early History

The first known Kennedys of the families considered in this record appear in what is now Lenoir County, North Carolina, in the colonial period 1740 to 1746 (see Preface for county genealogy). In the early records the name Kennedy was sometimes spelled, or misspelled, in several ways. We find Kennedy, Kenady, Kennady, Canady, and others. However, Kennedy is the correct spelling and is nearly universally used in all early records. The variations were simply misspellings of the name Kennedy.

The exact date of their arrival is not known, but study of the Colonial Records of North Carolina show numerous Kennedys taking up land in present Lenoir and other counties during the period indicated. There is no known written record showing where the Kennedys came from. However, legend, tradition, and word of mouth for many years show them to be of Scotch origin. Tradition says that they came to America from County Ayre, Scotland, their Scottish home being near the town of Maybole, not far from the birthplace of Robert Burns. The best available evidence shows this to be true.

The years 1740-1750 are included in a period of great advancement and expansion in North Carolina. Prior to the Tuscarora War (1711-1712) the settlements were confined principally to the Albemarle area with a few extensions to the south including the areas about Bath and Newbern. These settlements were near the rivers and sounds and did not extend very far inland especially in the south. They were hemmed in and restricted to the coastal area by the very large tribe of Tuscarora Indians that occupied the adjacent area from the Virginia line to the Neuse River. Up to this time there were no permanent settlements in the Cape Fear area or upper reaches of the Neuse.

The Tuscarora War resulted in the complete defeat of the Indians and the eventual return of the remnants of that tribe to upper New York State. The defeat and departure of the Tuscaroras opened up their former lands to white settlers. This with other factors resulted in the extensive expansion and settlements referred to above. New counties were formed and vast areas of new land opened for settlement. These new lands included the present counties of Lenoir and Wayne which were first in Craven, then in Johnston (formed 1746),

and later in Dobbs (formed 1759). There was a great influx of settlers to the area. These settlers came from various places; many came from the older settlements in Virginia and North Carolina. Many came from South Carolina, especially to the lower Cape Fear and upper Pee Dee areas. Others came from England and other European areas. Some of the settlers from abroad came directly to the North Carolina shores but it appears that most of them came by way of Virginia. They landed in the Norfolk area and proceeded overland to their new homes in North Carolina. The Colonial Records of North Carolina contain hundreds of references to land warrants and patents showing names of applicants and counties in which the land is located. A great many of these land grants were for land located about the Neuse River in what are now Lenoir and Wayne Counties.

Among the early land grants in Craven County is a warrant to William Kennedy in 1744 for 400 acres in Craven County. It should be noted that this is a warrant and authorized the survey and other checks and arrangements to be made prior to the final approval and "granting" of the "patent." Grants, Office of Secretary of State, North Carolina, show:

1. Wm. Kennedy—200 acres, April 6, 1745, Book 5, page 318, File No. 432—"S. side of Neuse River", Craven County.
2. Wm. Kennedy—400 acres, Mar. 23, 1747, Book 5, page 275, File No. 343—"Both sides of Little Contentnea", Craven County.

The 400 acres shown in "2" above as "granted" in 1747 very probably represent the 400 acres for which the "warrant" was issued to Wm. Kennedy in 1744. He very probably lived on this 400 acres on Little Contentnea in 1744 or perhaps a little before. It is believed that this was the original Kennedy homesite in Craven County. It is certainly, according to available records, the first land granted to any Kennedy in Craven County and William Kennedy was the owner.

This William Kennedy is a very important man to the Kennedys of Lenoir and Wayne Counties for he is believed to be their common ancestor as will be shown hereafter. Tradition and legend have for many years said that William Kennedy was the father of two sons, Walter and John. Now we know a good deal about Walter and John Kennedy and their records are authentic and fairly well known. Tradition says that two brothers, Walter and John Kennedy, came to present Lenoir County about 1745. They probably came with their father, William, for certainly they were all three in the County about 1745 (see land warrants, patents, wills, etc. for this period).

Walter Kennedy's wife was Sarah Fellow and they lived near Lower Falling Creek in 1745. They had two children, John and Mary (see Will of Walter Kennedy). This John in 1769 married Sarah Cox of Quaker Neck near Goldsboro in Wayne County. They were married at Lower Falling Creek Meeting House. Some time after this marriage John Kennedy and his wife, Sarah Cox, moved up to the Cox settlement in Quaker Neck in Wayne County and lived on property originally belonging to his wife. He was the great-great grandfather of the author of this book. John's sister, Mary Kennedy, married his wife's brother, Richard Cox, in 1768 and lived also in the Cox settlement in Quaker Neck. Thus it is seen that all of the children of the first Walter Kennedy went to live in Quaker Neck and that his son, John, is the ancestor of the Wayne County Kennedys. Walter himself died in 1751, a young man, probably not over thirty years old. He left two little children, John, four, and Mary, three years old, the John and Mary mentioned above. The family history of this first Walter Kennedy and his descendants is complete and of written record from Walter's death in 1751 to the present time. Most of the information concerning births, marriages, and deaths of the early times can be found in Hinshaw's *Encyclopedia of American Quakers*. This is an invaluable source of genealogical information for anyone of Quaker ancestry and will hereafter be referred to in this record as "Hinshaw".

John Kennedy was the other son of William and the younger brother of the first Walter. For simplicity, he will be referred to at this time as the first John. This John remained in Lenoir County near Lower Falling Creek and was the ancestor of the many Kennedys and their descendants of other names of that community. The name of his wife is unfortunately not known, but was probably Mary. The records of the period contain numerous references to land grants to this John Kennedy near Lower Falling Creek and elsewhere and the large land holdings of Kennedys in this area are well known to most members of the family. He was the Captain John Kennedy of the Dobbs County Militia Company during the Revolution in 1777. The record of his descendants is fairly complete.

We now have a very good picture of the early Kennedys in Lenoir and Wayne Counties (1740-1750). There is William Kennedy and his two sons, Walter and John. For many years tradition, legend, and word of mouth state this to be so. Diligent and careful search and study of many early records serve to confirm it. Any effort to show all of the confirmatory evidence is considered unnecessary and undesirable. Such would only serve to clutter up the record and con-

fuse all but a most careful student. It is, however, considered desirable to present a few important confirmatory references as follows:

1. Old tradition and legend state that Walter and John Kennedy were the sons of William Kennedy. There is no known documented proof of this statement but combined with other facts it appears to be true.
2. William Kennedy was given a warrant for 400 acres of land in Craven County on "both sides of Little Contentnea" in 1744. This land was in what is now Greene County, north of Greater Contentnea and only a few miles from the land granted to Walter and John south of Greater Contentnea near Lower Falling Creek about the same time.
3. John Kennedy was given a grant for 100 acres in Dobbs County April 24, 1762 as follows:

"John Kennedy 100 Dobbs on the N. side of Neuse River and on the east side of Lower Falling Creek between *his father's* and Benj. Herring's line.

Beginning at a red oak. . . .

Date: 24th April of 1762.

sgd. Arthur Dobbs"

Note that this land was next to and adjoined land of his "father". This father could only be William for William and John were the only Kennedys shown in colonial records in this area at this time. Walter, William's other son and John's brother, had died in 1751, aged about 30 years.

4. Early Land Grants.

a. William Kennedy:

(1) Colonial Records of North Carolina—Vol. IV, p. 703, shows that Wm. Kennedy was granted a warrant for 400 acres in Craven County.

(2) Land Grant Book No. 5, page 318, File No. 432, shows a grant of 200 acres to Wm. Kennedy in Craven County as follows:

"George the second &c. To all to whome &c. Know ye that we &c have given unto William Kennedy, two hundred acres of land in Craven County on the South side of Neuse River, joining the land of George Roberts, Beginning at a pine on the side of spring branch, runs No. 50 Et. 250 poles So. 40 Et. 120 poles So. 50 Wt. 250 poles, then with a direct line to the first station. To hold &c. Dated the 6th of April 1745.

sgd. Gab. Johnston"

- (3) Land Grant Book No. 5, page 275, File No. 343, shows:
“George the second &c. To all to whome &c. Know ye that we &c. have given unto William Kennedy, four hundred acres of land in Craven County on both sides of Little Contentnea, Beginning at the head of a meadow at a red oak, running So. 45 Wt. 252 poles to an oak, then So. 45 Et. 252 poles to an oak, then No. 45 Et. 252 poles to a red oak, then No. 45 Wt. to the first station. To Hold &c. Dated the 23d day of March 1747.

sgd. Gab. Johnston”

The tract of 400 acres in (3) above is most likely the patent for the same tract of 400 acres for which the warrant was granted as shown in (1) above.

Mrs. Mattie Kennedy Parrott of Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina is the daughter of Alpheus T. Kennedy. She is possessed of much valuable information concerning the Kennedys of Lenoir County as distinguished from the Kennedys of Wayne County from whom the writer descended. She has furnished the author invaluable aid in the preparation of this work. She supplied the following information which is extracted from one of her letters:

“Looking over an article in an 1899 issue of the Kinston Free Press it simply mentions the name of William Kennedy among a few of the earliest settlers—nothing else about him. As he seems to have been the first Kennedy in what is now Lenoir County it is logical to assume that he was the father of John and Walter.”

This conclusion is strongly reinforced by the fact that no other Kennedys are mentioned in the records as being in this area at the time considered—1745-1755.

b. Walter Kennedy:

Colonial Records of North Carolina—Vol. IV, page 1047, show that Walter Kennedy was given a warrant for 100 acres in Johnston County in 1750. This was soon after Johnston County was formed from Craven County in 1746.

Walter Kennedy died in 1751 and left his plantation of 100 acres to this young son, John, who was then only four years old. He left a third interest in this plantation to his widow, Sarah Fellow Kennedy, for her life. Apparently, Walter's young son, John, was referred to as John K., Jr., to distinguish him from his uncle John, Walter's brother.

c. John Kennedy, Jr., (Walter's young son):

Walter Kennedy made his Will March 25, 1751. (See copy of Walter's Will). He must have died quite soon after making

his Will for it was probated in June Court, Johnston County, in 1751. In order to carry out the terms of Walter's Will, a plantation of 100 acres was ordered laid out to John Kennedy, Jr., on September 30, 1751. (See photostatic copy of Order below):

Note that Walter Kennedy's Will was witnessed by his brother, John Kennedy and Rob. Fellow. John K., Jr.'s mother was Sarah Fellow. It is believed that Robert and Sarah Fellow were the children of John Fellow. John K., Jr.'s land lay between lands of John Fellow and Richard Johnston. In other words, adjoined his grandfather Fellow's land.

Now observe the following. In 1770, there was laid out to John Kennedy, Jr., 145 acres on No. side of Neuse River and between the lines of land of John Fellow and Richard Johnston. See copy of deed below:

Kennedy, John, Jr.	No. 691
Co Dobbs	Acres 145
Grant No. 134	Issued 9 April 1770
Entry No. _____	Entered 23 March 1770
Book No. 20	Page No. 558

Location on the N side of Neuse River

* * *

"John Kenedy, Junr. 145 acres Dobbs on the No side of Nuce River joining and between the Lines of land patented in the name of John Fellow and Richard Johnston Beginning at a pine Richard Johnstons Corner and runs along his line So 30 W 219 poles to a pine his corner thence the same course continued 78 poles to a cypress near the river thence down the river bank No 70 Et 142 poles to a birch at the mouth of Fellows Branch by John Fellows corner thence along John Fellows line No 20 Et 300 poles to a red oak his Corner thence to the Beginning dated 9th April, 1770.

Wm Tryon"

This is the same land laid out to John K., Jr. in Sept. 1751 after his father's death. He is apparently getting a new title, most probably at the death of his mother, Sarah Fellow Kennedy, because she had a life-time interest in one third of the land of her former husband. The discrepancy in acreage, 145 and 100, can be accounted for in any one of several ways. John K., Jr., could have bought 45 acres additonal and adjoining, or the first survey could well have been out by 45 acres. It could just be his mother's third added on. The last is believed to be correct. Note in the deed below that the land borders

NORTH-CAROLINA

His Excellency Gabriel Johnston, Esq; His
Majesty's Captain-General, and Governor in Chief, in and
over the said Province.

His Excellency or General Greeting.

Y O U are forthwith to admeasure and lay out, or cause
to be admeasured and laid out, unto *John Tatum*
a Plantation, containing *One hundred* — Acres of
Land, lying in *Johnston* County, on the North

*Side of the Cape Fear River between John Tatum's &
Richard Johnston's Lands.*

The said Land to be seated according to Rights, proved
within Three Years, and entered with the Auditor before
the Delivery hereof to the Surveyor: Observing His Ma-
jesty's Instructions, for running out of Lands; and a Plat
and Certificate thereof, to return into the Secretary's Of-
fice, within Twelve Months from the Date hereof: And
for so doing, this shall be your Warrant. Which Warrant
may not be assign'd.

GIVEN at *Newbern* under my Hand, the
30th Day of *September* Anno Dom. 1756.

In Witness Whereof
John M. Culloch Secy.

G. Johnston

Neuse River. This would seem to place Walter's land to the south of the large holdings of his brother, John, to be shown later.

d. John Kennedy (William's son, Walter's brother), ancestor of Lenoir County Kennedys:

From the family record of Mrs. Mattie Kennedy Parrott of Kinston, North Carolina, the following extract is taken:

"John Kennedy of Lenoir County (then Dobbs) lived near Falling Creek on or before 1750 and owned land still in possession of his descendants. He was the brother of Walter Kennedy. He died after the Census of 1790. He married before 1764, wife's name uncertain but probably Mary.

ISSUE

1. John Kennedy II, b. Feb. 17, 1764; d. Feb. 19, 1833.
m. Jane, b. July 16, 1766; d. Nov. 3, 1840.
2. Jesse Kennedy, b. Jan. 1, 1781; d. May 24, 1856.
m. Elizabeth Hardee, b. 1781; d. Sept. 1, 1858.

Mrs. Parrott also told the author personally that her uncle William Kennedy said that Thomas Kennedy of Wayne County visited Cedar Dell in Lenoir County and was called Cousin Tom.

Thomas Kennedy mentioned above was the grandson of Walter Kennedy. He had a son late in life by a second marriage named George Fox Kennedy. George Fox Kennedy corresponded in 1916 with Mrs. Parrott. The following is an extract from one of his letters to her in 1916:

"Raleigh, 4 mo., 10th, 1916

To: Mrs. James F. Parrott, Kinston, N. C.

My dear Cousin:

Received your letter Friday and will say I must have written "great" one time too much, as Walter and Sarah were my great grandparents. Our old Bible does not give anything about them only they were our grandfather John's (Kennedy) parents. My grandfather, John, son of Walter, was born 29th Sept. 1747, died the 31st of Jan., 1823, aged 75 years, 4 mos. . . . Thomas Kennedy, my father, was born. . . . That is the only record I have. Can only tell you what I have heard my father say. He used to speak about his uncle William and Thomas (probably his cousins). . . . Walter and his brother came to this country. . . . And I have heard him say that his father, John, came to Waine and settled and his brother (uncle) stayed down about Newbern (actually Kinston). Can't say where he settled. He used to go down to visit your grandfather and called him Cousin Thomas.

Don't know whether William was brother to Walter but I think that was so. [William was the father of Walter. Author.] I hope I have made it clear to you.

Sgd. George Fox Kennedy"

The above serves to throw light on the blood connection between the Lenoir County Kennedys and the Wayne County Kennedys. It also throws more light on William Kennedy.

Items a, b, c and d, discussed on the preceding pages show William, Walter and John Kennedy all living in Craven County (later Johnston, Dobbs, Wayne, Lenoir and Greene) in the period 1744-1751. There were also the young son of Walter, John, b. 1747, and the young daughter of Walter, Mary, b. 1748.

The evidence contained in the items mentioned taken with much other evidence not shown confirms the statement that Walter and John Kennedy were brothers and that William Kennedy was their father. This is taken and accepted as a fact and William Kennedy is considered as head of the family and first generation in America.

There is a matter that has always caused trouble, frustration, and bafflement to genealogists. It is the difficulty of differentiating between two or more persons of the same name, living in the same section, and at the same time. It is an old and familiar specter to genealogists and can be solved only by long and careful study of the surroundings. Too often it cannot be solved at all. At the period under consideration (Colonial), there are many Kennedy names to be found all over eastern North Carolina. In order to avoid confusion and fruitless surmises, this study will be confined to Kennedys in old Craven County and especially to those of the later Wayne and Lenoir Counties.

There follows a brief genealogy of the earliest Kennedys of what is now Lenoir County. The Wayne County Kennedys derived from the Lenoir County Kennedys and will be considered in detail in a later chapter.

In all the genealogies Roman numerals are used to show generation in America and Arabic numerals to show order of birth in a family. We consider William Kennedy to be the first of our family in North Carolina, first generation in America. His first child was Walter. They are shown William I and Walter II (1), Walter becoming second generation in America, first child, and so on. The following abbreviations are used:

b. born	s. son	h. husband
d. died	dt. daughter	w. wife
m. married		

KENNEDY

I. William Kennedy, b. in Europe

m.

Name of wife unknown

ISSUE

II. (1) Walter, b. about 1720, d. 1751

(2) John, b. about 1722, d. about 1790

II. (1) Walter Kennedy, b. about 1720, d. 1751

m. about 1745

Sarah Fellow

ISSUE

III. (1) John, b. Sept. 29, 1747; d. Jan. 31, 1823

(2) Mary, b.

III. (1) John Kennedy, b. Sept. 29, 1747; d. Jan. 31, 1823

m. 1st Nov. 6, 1769

Sara Cox, b.; d. Jan. 16, 1793

No Issue

m. 2nd, April 13, 1794

Elizabeth Outland, b. Nov. 17, 1757; d. Dec. 24, 1836

ISSUE

IV. (1) Thomas, b. Feb. 6, 1796; d. Nov. 17, 1864

(2) John, Jr. b. Dec. 9, 1797; d., 1854

III. (2) Mary Kennedy, daughter of Walter Kennedy and Sarah Fellow Kennedy.

m. Oct. 8, 1768

Richard Cox

ISSUE

IV. (1) Sarah, b. Aug. 26, 1769

Richard, b. Sept. 1, 1771

Thomas, b. Apr. 25, 1773

Mary, b. Apr. 30, 1775

John, b. June 17, 1777

Lydia, b. Dec. 21, 1779

Anne, b. Oct. 21, 1782

Walter, b. Aug. 1, 1784

John Kennedy III (1) married Sarah Cox at Falling Creek M. H. (Lower) on Nov. 6, 1769 and some time thereafter moved to the Cox settlement in Quaker Neck, Wayne County. He first appears in

Wayne County records in the 1790 Census. He was the ancestor of the Wayne County Kennedys.

- II. (2) John Kennedy, b. about 1720, d. about 1790
m. before 1764

Mary (probably)

ISSUE

- III. (1) John, b. Feb. 17, 1764; d. Feb. 19, 1833

- (2) Jesse, b. Jan. 1, 1781; d. May 24, 1856

(There were probably others.)

- III. (1) John Kennedy, b. Feb. 17, 1764; d. Feb. 19, 1833
m.

Jane, b. July 16, 1766; d. Nov. 3, 1840

ISSUE (See later genealogy)

- III. (2) Jesse Kennedy, b. Jan. 1, 1781; d. May 24, 1856
m.

Elizabeth Hardee, b. 1781; d. Sept. 1, 1858

ISSUE (See later genealogy)

John Kennedy II (2) remained in Lenoir County with his sons, John III (1) and Jesse III (2). He was the direct ancestor of the many Kennedys of Lenoir County and their descendants. He was the Capt. John Kennedy of a Dobbs County Militia Company in 1777 during the Revolution. Note that John Kennedy III (1), son of Walter II (1), and John Kennedy III (1), son of John II (2) carry the same identifying numbers. They were first cousins. In this and all such cases it is necessary to differentiate by careful scrutiny of the context and circumstances.

This chapter concludes with the brief genealogy given above of the early Kennedys in present Lenoir County before John Kennedy III (1) moved to Wayne County, after 1769. The several families will be considered in some detail in later chapters.

CHAPTER II

Notes and Memoranda

In study and research of the Kennedy family over quite a number of years, the author has accumulated numerous notes, extracts, and memoranda from various sources. It is difficult to decide what to include or leave out in what is hoped to be a rather brief story. To anyone making a detailed study and searching for information these notes are interesting, important and necessary. To others they may not possibly be so interesting.

It is considered desirable to go somewhat beyond the mere tabulation of statistical data and to include a certain amount of what is called background material. It is hoped that this will bring the picture into clearer view and enable us to see more than just names and dates. With this in view, there is presented in the following pages some of the notes and memoranda mentioned above with occasional brief comment. There may be a small amount of unavoidable repetition.

LAND GRANTS

It is necessary to keep in mind the genealogy and birthdates of the several counties.

1. *William Kennedy I.*

- a. Kennedy, Wm., 1744, Warrant granted for 400 acres in Craven County (Colonial Records of N. C.—Vol. IV, page 703).
- b. "George the second &c. To all to whome &c. Know ye that we &c. have given unto William Kennedy, two hundred acres of Land in Craven County on the South side of Neuse river, Joining the land of George Roberts, Beginning at a pine on the side of spring branch, runs No. 50 Et. 250 poles So 40 Et. 120 poles So. 50 Wt. 250 poles, then with a Direct line to the first station To Hold &c. Dated the 6th of April 1745.

Gab: Johnston"

Land Grant Book No. 5, Page 318, File No. 432

- c. "George the second &c. To all to whome &c. Know Ye that we &c. have given unto William Keneday, four hundred acres of land in Craven County on both sides of little contentnea,

Beginning at the head of a meadow at a red oak, running So. 45 Wt. 252 poles to an oak, then So. 45 Et. 252 poles to an oak, then No. 45 Et. 252 poles to a red oak then No. 45 Wt. to the first station. To Hold &c. Dated the 23d of March 1747.

Gab: Johnson"

Land Grant Book No. 5, page 275, File No. 343.

2. *Walter Kenedy II (1)*

- a. Kennedy, Walter, 1750, warrant granted for 100 acres, Johnston County (Colonial Records of N. C.—Vol. IV. page 1047).

3. *John Kennedy III (1) (son of Walter II (1))*

- a. John Kennedy, Junr. 100 acres in Johnston County on North side of Neuse River between John Fellow's and Richard Johnston's Lands. Newbern, 30th day of Sept., 1751.

Sgd. Gab: Johnston

COMMENT: See photostatic copy of original on a previous page.

4. *John Kennedy II (2) (Brother of Walter II (1))*

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| a. "Kennedy, John | No. 214 |
| Co Dobbs | Acres 150 |
| Grant No. _____ | Issued 24 April 1762 |
| Entry No. _____ | Entered _____ |
| Book No. 15 | Page No. 400 or 406 |

Location on the N. side of Neuse River.

* * *

John Kennedy 100 Dobbs on the N side of Neuse River and on the east side of lower falling creek between his father's and Benj. Herring's line. Beginning at a red oak near said Herring's line Running No 5 E 126 pole to a pine thence N 85 W. 126 pole to a black jack thence So 5 W 126 pole to a pine near the edge of a Pocoson thence a right line to the beginning.

Date 24th April of 1762

Arthur Dobbs"

COMMENT: This is the first appearance of John Kennedy II (2) in the official records of N. C., except his name as witness on his brother Walter's will in 1751. Note that the land was on Lower Falling Creek and joined his "father's." This John possibly owned land prior to 1762 but he very likely lived with his father, William, until he married about 1762 when he obtained the above grant. His

first son, John III (1) was born in 1764. As will be seen he later obtained other grants and eventually became a very large land owner.

b. "Kenedy, John	No. 912
County Dobbs	Acres 200
Grant No. 31	Issued 28 April 1768
Entry ———	Entered 1 Aug. 1767
Book No. 23	Page No. 189
Location On the N. side of Neuse River	

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John Kennedy 200 acres Dobbs the North side of Nuce river at the head of Cabin Branch making out of Lower Falling Creek Beginning at a pine John Smith's corner tree in John Fishpools Line running into Pools line N. 70 W 136 poles; to a pine in Samuel Ratclift's line then with his line No 54 Et 158 po; to a white oak said Ratclifts first Corner tree then with his other line No 60 Wt 160 po; to a pine then No 40 Et 72 po; to a pine then So 70 Et 210 po; to John Smith's line then with his line to the Beginning. Dated 28th April 1768.

Wm Tryon"

c. "Kennedy. John	No. 1891
Co Dobbs	Acres 225
Grant No. 743	Issued 24 Oct 1786
Entry No. 9	Entered 12 March 1784
Book No. 64	Page No. 48 & 49
Location On the N. side of Neuse River	

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State of N. C.

No. 743 Know ye that we have given & granted John Kennedy a Tract of land containing Two hundred twenty-five acres lying & being in our County of Dobbs on the north side of Neuse River & north side of Toms pocoson. Beginning at a white oak William Arandall's corner & runs with his line south twenty five degrees. East ninety six pole to a red oak his own corner thence north sixty East one hundred & eighty four poles to a white oak William Arandalls Beginning corner then north Eighty west one hundred & twenty poles to a pine his other corner then north one hundred eighty-six poles to a black jack Arandalls other corner then East one hundred and sixty poles to a white oak then north seventy five degrees East twenty one poles to a red

oak Higotty Martins Corner then North eighty four degrees East sixty four poles to Martin Caswell's corner a black jack then North one hundred & six poles to a pine his other corner then South sixty five West two hundred & eighty poles to a red oak then South Eleven west sixty poles to a black oak Arandals corner then with his other line to the Beginning To hold to the said John Kennedy his heirs & assigns forever Dated the 24th day of October 1786

J. Glasgow, Secretary

R. Caswell"

d. "Kennedy, John	No. 2019
Co. Dobbs	Acres 13
Grant No. 866	Issued 28 Sept. 1791
Entry No. 175	Entered 25 June 1789
Book No. 75	Page No. 99
Location On the N. side of Cabbin Branch	

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State of N. C.

Know ye that we have granted unto John Kennedy thirteen acres of land in the County of Dobbs; on the North side of Cabbin Branch Beginning at a pine his corner & run with his line reversed South sixty East thirty four poles to a large broke down pine a corner of another survey then with a line of that patent reversed South fifty one West one hundred and thirteen poles to a Hickory Heartsfields Corner thence with his line north twenty five East fifty poles thence to the beginning.

To Hold to the said John Kennedy his Heirs and assigns forever

Dated the 28th of September 1791

J. Glassgow, Secretary

Alex Martin"

COMMENT: With the exception of the one made out to John Kenedy, Jr. the names that appear within the grants as boundaries, etc. correspond to names in old family deeds which Mrs. Parrott has had handed down in her branch of the family.

Mr. Edmund W. Price of Kinston, North Carolina, whose wife is a Kennedy descendant, stated in a letter to the author in 1963, as follows:

"This John Kennedy (II (2)) had large land holdings in Dobbs County and in 1880 my wife's grandfather (Walter A. Kennedy) had 3200 acres left out of the John Kennedy property located east of

Falling Creek north of U. S. Route 70. Lands of Kennedy Orphan Home originally granted to John Kennedy."

5. *John Kennedy III (1)*, son of Walter Kennedy II (1)

Grant of land to John Kennedy in Wayne County, North Carolina, 1798.

"Co. Wayne	Warrant No. ———
Name: John Kennedy	Entry No. 856
Acres: 350	Entered 17 Aug. 1798
Grant No. 748	Book No. 108, page 85
Issued—3rd July 1800	Location—S. Neuse River

November 23, 1799, North Carolina surveyed for John Kennedy a tract of land in Wayne County containing 350 acres which he entered 17 day of Aug. 1798.

On the south side of Neuse River, Begin at a dead pine (down) a red oak marked on the river bank Musgraves (formerly Wm. Tolars) corner and runs Musgrave's line S 8 E 250 poles to a black gun, Bushen and Cox's corner then S 24 W 254 poles to a pine Peter Hines corner then his line N 67 W 200 poles to a dead pine near the mouth of Brush Branch, Hines and Cox's corner on the River Bank then down the meanders of the river to the first station.

James Musgrave	} C. B. Britton Hood, Surveyor"
&	
Micajah Cox	

COMMENT: This is the first known record of any land granted to a Kennedy in Wayne County. It was formerly the property of John Kennedy's wife, Sarah Cox Kennedy, and is located about seven miles west of Goldsboro in Quaker Neck. It is still in the ownership of a Kennedy descendant, Mrs. Celeste Sears, daughter of William Kennedy. It is the original homesite of the Kennedys of Wayne and the old Kennedy burial plot is located thereon. For many years it was referred to as the old 'Tommy Kennedy place. Thomas was the son of John Kennedy III (1). It is believed that John Kennedy, after the death of his wife, Sarah, in 1792, had the property surveyed and recorded in his name as indicated in deed above, no doubt in settlement of his wife's estate.

RECORDS OF THE REVOLUTION

Records of the Kennedys in the Revolution in Lenoir and Wayne Counties are scarce. It must be remembered that Wayne County was

formed from Dobbs in 1779 during the Revolution. Lenoir remained in Dobbs until after the Revolution. Such Revolutionary War Records as are available are given below :

1. Mrs. Parrott furnished the following:

From page 72 of "History of Kinston and Lenoir County" by Johnson and Hallowman, "Certain other military officers of Dobbs County are shown in a report of a meeting of the Council of State at Kinston on July 30, 1779. Members of the Council who met with Gov. Caswell were Joseph Leech, president of the Council, John Simpson, Isaac Guion, William Whitefield and R. Bignall. The Council allowed Captain John Kennedy, keeper of the public jail for the New Bern district, an extra allotment of funds to supply provisions for prisoners of war, taking into consideration the progress of inflation." Reference given is State Records Vol. XIV, pp. 198-199 and p. 332.

2. The following is a roster of Capt. Kennedy's company of militia in Dobbs County in 1777. It is to be remembered that Lenoir was still a part of Dobbs at this time. The area which Capt. Kennedy was in charge and from which many of his men came was that part of present Lenoir west of Kinston as far as Bear Creek. Neuse River was its south boundary and it extended northward to the vicinity of Araba in Greene County.

"Captain John Kennedy's Company
DOBBS COUNTY MILITIA

July 26th, 1777

No. 1

Ezekiel Creech	Samuel Caswell	John Parrot
John Heartsfield	Gray Westbrook	Jas. Ingram
Clint Wine	Benjamin Creech, Jr.	Francis Freeman
John Aldridge	Benjamin Risher	William Arrendale
John Hodges	John Grant, Jr.	
John Tull	William Berwick, Jr.	

No. 2

Joshua Barwick	David Heartsfield	Joshua Williams
John Kennedy *	John Brown, Jr.	Thos. Byrd
Moses Lovick	James Smith	Benjamin Byrd
Jacob Ingram	Francis Hill	John Barrs
Jacob Thompson	Nathan Arrendale	Jude Walters
Stringer Potts	Jesse Aldridge	

No. 3

William Vining	Thos. Daniel, Jr.	William Woodland
Joseph Smith	John Woodland	William Ayler
Aaron Pool	John Fontaine	John Creech
Sanders Bush	Job Williams	William Berwick
Jesse Smith	James Pool	Jesse Cobb
Walter Kennedy *	Francis Hodges	Moses Westbrook

No. 4

Shadrack Campbell	Benjamin Bruton, Jr.	Robert Byrd
John Cox	Stanton Smith	Joshua Croom
Samuel Pool	William Ferrell	Abraham Bush
Simon Herring	William Skinner	Robert Woodland
David Williams	William Brown	John Heartsfield, Jr.
	William Tull	

COMMENT: Note the many names listed in the Company that are familiar names in Lenoir County. The John Kennedy listed in section 2 of the company is said to be that of John Kennedy III (1), son of Walter II (1). He would be the right age, 30 years old, and is believed to have been living in the community at the time. It is difficult to account for the Walter Kennedy listed in section 3 of the Company except as being the son of Captain John and an older brother of John III (1), son of Captain John. This John was too young at the time, only 13 years old, to be in the Militia which included all able bodied males between 16 and 60 years old. There are many John Kennedys mentioned in North Carolina State Records in Revolutionary times. It is impossible to differentiate between them and for this reason it is considered best to stick to the known ones from Dobbs County. A Walter Kennedy appears as head of family in 1790 Census for Lenoir County, who can only be accounted for as being the son of Capt. John Kennedy II (2).

WILLS

A. Will of Walter Kennedy of Johnston County, North Carolina, 1751

From: North Carolina Wills, 1663-1789, Vol. XVII, p. 25, folio 1. Department of Archives & History, Raleigh, N. C.

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"Johnston County in North Carolina. March 25th Day 1751. In the name of God amen I Walter Kennedy of the s-d County Being in my senses and perfect and sound memory do make and Ordain this is my Last Will and Testament in Manner and

form following Imprimus I leave and bequeath unto my well Beloved Wife Sarah Kennedy the third of every thing I have moveables and immoveables Item I leave to my son John Kennedy my Denhisy Plantation containing one hundred acres of land my wife's third Excepted Item I leave all the rest of my goods and chattels to be Divided between my two children to wit John Kennedy and Mary Kennedy Item Leave and Ordain my wife Sarah to be the Executor of this my Last will and Testament and to be Decently buried at her Discretion In Wittness hereof I have Sett my hand and seal the Day and year above written Syned in the Presence of us under written

Walter Kenedy

Testes John Kennedy
Rob. Fellow"

seal

From: North Carolina Wills 1663-1789, Vol. XVII, p. 25, folios
2 & 3. Walter Kennedy of Johnston County, 1751

"Johnston County

June Court 1751

Present his majesties Justices

The Last Will and Testament of Walter Kennedy late of this County Deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of John Kenneday a subscribing witence there to who swore that he saw the said Testator Sign Seal Publish pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that he saw Robert Fellow Sign concuring evidence there to and also that he believes he was of sound and Disposeing mind and memory. Sarah Kennedy Executor therein named appeared and was Qualified by taking the Oath of Executor

Ordered that Mr. Secretary have notice there of that letters Testamentary issue accordingly

By order: James Oates D. C. C."

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Recorded in the Clerks office of Johnston County in Book No. B
Page 3 this 4th day of July Anno Dom 1751

A (?) James Oates D. C.

Walter Kennedy

Will proved June Court 1751

Letter Issued 1 October 1751

3/2 Co. Sh (?)

Recorded in Book R S page 190 (or 1900 ?)

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COMMENT: This typed copy made from a photostat of the original by Helen K. Gunn September 18, 1962. It is her interpretation. The name of the plantation, Denhisy, might not be correct, it is almost illegible in the photostat.

This Will of Walter Kennedy is a most important document to all Kennedys of Lenoir and Wayne Counties, but especially to those of Wayne, for he was their direct ancestor. Of course, in 1751 Lenoir was still in Johnston County. Here we have in 1751 positive evidence of Walter Kennedy II (1) and his wife, Sarah. We find later on that Sarah's surname was Fellow. We also have positive evidence of Walter's two children, John Kennedy III (1) and Mary Kennedy III (2). From John Kennedy III (1) for two more generations this family record is complete as found in Hinshaw's Quaker Genealogy. From there on modern records carry on to the present time.

Walter's Will is important also because of the witnesses. John Kennedy (II (2)), Walter's brother, was the first witness to the Will. It was also by his oath that the Will was proved for probate. This John Kennedy II (2) became a large land owner, keeper of the jail, and Capt. of a Militia Company in the Revolution. He was the ancestor of the Lenoir County Kennedys.

The second witness to the Will is Robert Fellow who is said to be the brother of Walter's wife, Sarah Fellow. The Kennedys of Wayne County are very fortunate in having in this Will such a good record of their early ancestors.

B. Will of John Kennedy, Wayne County, North Carolina, 1820. On file in office of Register of Deeds, Goldsboro.

"The twentifourth the Eighth month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty. I John Kennedy of the County of Wayne and state of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament. In manner and form following.

Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife three Feather beds and furniture four cows and calves four Ewes and lambs three sows and pigs and black horse and also as much of the household and kitchen furniture as she wants to make use of. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas heirs and assigns forever, all my land (after the decease of his mother) my will is that she should have a life Estate in the lower half including the houses after which I give the same unto my son Thomas his heirs and assigns forever. I give and

bequeath unto my son John one clock one mahogany table one poplar ditto one cow and calf all the remainder of my property except my negroes. I give unto my son 'Thomas all the right title or interest that I have in my negroes I give and bequeath unto the society of friends (called Quakers) also all the right in the African race that came to my wife by virtue of the will and testament of her father. I give in like manner to the said society or to the agents, by them appointed. Lastly I do nominate constitute and appoint my Two sons 'Thomas and John Executors this my will. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of us.

Nathan Musgrave

James Cox

John Kennedy (seal)"

"Wayne County, Feb. Term, 1823

Then was exhibited in open Court the last will & testament of John Kennedy which was duly proved in open Court by the affirmation of James Cox a subscribing witness and at the same time Thomas Kennedy appeared and qualified as executor thereto & let letters of Testamentary

Feb'y Court 1823

'Test P. Hooks, Clk"

(Feb. T 1823

Book O-1 pag 332 File No. 970)

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Also in Wayne County, N. C., Goldsboro Court House. In Grantor Index to Deeds & Mortgages. Book 12, p. 116, 1821. John Kennedy, Sr. to John, Jr. gift of 1/2 of his property.

COMMENT: In the above will of John Kennedy III (1), son of Walter II (1), the Wayne County Kennedys have a good family record. Here we find his 2d wife, Elizabeth (Outland) and his two sons 'Thomas IV (1) and John IV (2). There were no children by his first wife, Sarah Cox, who died in 1792. John III (1) was living in Quaker Neck in Wayne County at the time he made his will. The witnesses are his Quaker neighbors and associates.

Note that he left all of his land to his older son, 'Thomas. This for the reason that he had already given to his second son, John, one half of his property in the previous year, 1821. This one half of the land John later sold to his brother 'Thomas and the plantation again came under one ownership. The will was probated in the Feb. Court 1823, the same year that John Kennedy III (1) died.

U. S. CENSUS REPORTS, 1790-1810
From U. S. Archives, Washington, D. C.

<i>Name</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Males 16 and Up</i>	<i>Males Under 16</i>	<i>Females 16 & Up</i>
1790					
Kennedy, John	Newbern	Craven	1		1
Kennedy, John	"	Dobbs	1	1	2
Kennedy, Walter	"	"	1		4
Kennedy, Mary	"	"		1	2
Kennedy, John	"	Wayne	2	1	2
Cox, Micajah	"	"	1	5	3
Cox, Mary	"	"	2	2	3
Cox, Phoebe	"	"	2		3
Cox, Richard	"	"	1		3
Cox, Josiah	"	"	1	1	6

Also Granthams and Musgraves

<i>Name</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Males 16 and Up</i>	<i>Males Under 16</i>	<i>Females 16 & Up</i>
1800					
Canady, John		Wayne	2	1	1

On Same page Cox and Grantham

A later Census report of uncertain date but about 1820-1825 shows:

Kennedy, John		Wayne	1	2	1
Kennedy, John, Jr.		"	2	2	Illegible
Kennedy, Thomas		"	1	2	"

COMMENT: The John Kennedy shown in Dobbs County in 1790 is the son of Capt. John II (2) and the Walter so shown is also believed to be the son of John II (2). He cannot be accounted for otherwise. The John shown in Wayne in 1790 is the son of Walter II (1) and is the John who married Sarah Cox at Falling Creek M. H. in 1769 and later moved to Wayne. The Mary Kennedy shown in 1790 census as head of family is believed to be the widow of John Kennedy II (2).

There are many other names of related families appearing in the early census reports of Wayne County. Some of these are as follows: Cox, Musgraves, Flowers, McKinney, Thompson and others. Census reports of Dobbs County after 1790 (Lenoir) are not accessible to the author.

CHAPTER III

Quaker Records

Because of their importance to the Wayne County Kennedys it is thought advisable to consider the Quaker Records in a separate chapter. They also hold considerable interest for the Lenoir County Kennedys, especially as concerns the early settlement on Lower Falling Creek and some of the people involved.

The Society of Friends, often called Quakers, was organized in England by George Fox. For simplicity, the term Quaker will be used in this record.

The Quakers played an important part in the settlement of North Carolina. They were among the very first settlers and established their homes in Albemarle County in what is now Perquimans County. They came to North Carolina primarily because of the religious freedom guaranteed in the original Charter of the Lords Proprietors. Many Quakers came early to North Carolina from Virginia because they considered themselves persecuted by the Church of England which was established in Virginia. There were many who came from other colonies for the same reason. Of course, there were other inducements such as free land, etc.

As the settlements in North Carolina spread west, south, and southwest, the Quakers spread with them and at the time of the Revolution there were "meetings" established over virtually the whole of North Carolina. (See Hinshaw's Quaker Genealogy.) Some of these many monthly meetings in North Carolina were *Wells* in Perquimans, *Core Sound* near Beaufort, *Falling Creek* near Kinston, *Contentnea* (Contentny) 15 miles north of Goldsboro near Fremont, *Neuse* 7 miles west of Goldsboro in Quaker Neck, *Rich Square*, *Nahunta*, and others. After 1750 there were many meetings near Guilford College. The Monthly Meetings with which this record is primarily concerned are Falling Creek (Lower), Contentnea, and Neuse. Neuse Meeting was near Upper Falling Creek. This is why it is necessary to distinguish between Lower Falling Creek in Lenoir and Upper Falling Creek in Wayne.

After North Carolina became a royal colony, the Quakers were again confronted with the hostility of the established Church of England. In addition, the Quakers had to contend with the troublesome

questions of bearing arms and of slavery, both of which were against their religious tenets. Between all these the Quakers were much troubled and harassed and often considered themselves persecuted. The final result of all these conflicts of conscience and law was the departure of many thousands of Quakers from the Carolinas. This migration took place between 1800 and 1850 but was heaviest about 1825.

The Northwest Territory was opened for settlement about 1800 with the provision that the future states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois would be free states. This was the signal for many Quakers of the southern states to move west to the new territories soon to be free states. Many from Virginia and South Carolina went to Ohio while Indiana seemed to be the goal of the majority of the North Carolinians. The result was that by 1850, according to Dr. Weeks, one third of the population of Indiana were Carolinians. Of course, many Quakers remained in Carolina. The Quaker records of Indiana show many names familiar in Wayne and Lenoir Counties. Among these are Kennedy, Cox, Fellow, Musgrave, and many others too numerous to mention.

Miss Beatrice Cox of Route 1, Goldsboro, North Carolina is a great student of the Quakers of Wayne County and her knowledge of them is very comprehensive and complete. She has been most generous in sharing this knowledge with the author. It is thought that some few of her many letters to the author will be of great interest to Kennedy descendants of Wayne and Lenoir Counties. These letters follow:

Letters of Miss Beatrice Cox to General John T. Kennedy:

"Route 1, Box 17
Goldsboro, N. C.
May 28, 1962

Brig. Gen. John T. Kennedy
Cornell Arms Apts.
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

My sister and I enjoyed having you and your nephew visit us and discuss family history. Please feel free to come again. I shall try to clarify some of the things that you asked about in your recent letter.

The records of Contentnea Monthly Meeting are rather complicated so do not feel too badly if you did not completely understand them. Few people do unless they know the history of the early Quaker meetings and the great distances between families of that day.

The Coxes first settled in North Carolina in Carteret County and had their church membership at the Core Sound Friends Meeting. They moved to Quaker Neck in 1740, but their membership no doubt continued at Core Sound until Falling Creek Monthly Meeting on Lower Falling Creek was established in 1748. They became members of that meeting, attending regularly and were very active in the business of the meeting.

About 1754 a member from the Quaker Neck area informed the Lower Falling Creek Meeting that he was no longer physically able to make the long trip to that meeting for worship. He requested permission to hold meetings for worship in his neighborhood. As a result of this request a meeting for worship was established in the home of Richard Cox on the Neuse River in Quaker Neck, Wayne County. Meetings for worship only were known as Indulged Meetings. Sometimes not long afterwards, this Indulged Meeting was changed to Neuse Preparative Meeting. In a Preparative Meeting members have the privilege of selecting their own elders, overseers and clerks. Records of births, marriages, deaths and information are kept. However, officers and records must be accepted and approved by the Monthly Meeting, which in this case was Lower Falling Creek Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting can be made up of one or many Preparative Meetings. Lower Falling Creek Monthly Meeting had several Preparative Meetings. There were at least one in Edgecombe County, two or more in Jones County, Neuse at the home of Richard Cox, Great Contentnea Preparative Meeting and perhaps others.

A Monthly Meeting is composed of all the members of all the Preparative Meetings in it, be they one or several. They come together once per month for worship and to transact the business of the Monthly Meeting. A Quarterly Meeting is composed of several Monthly Meetings and the officers and members of each Monthly Meeting make up the membership of the Quarterly Meeting. Members and officers of the Quarterly Meeting come together four times per year for worship and to transact the business of this larger group.

In those early years there was only one Quarterly Meeting in Eastern North Carolina and that was in Perquimans County. Quakers from the South Carolina to the Virginia borders traveled all that distance through the wilderness four times per year to attend Quarterly Meeting.

Prior to 1772 members of Lower Falling Creek Monthly Meeting decided to hold the Monthly Meeting in the home of Richard Cox as more of its members lived in that area. It asked for permission

and instructions from the Quarterly Meeting in Perquimans. When the final instructions came from the Quarterly Meeting it instructed the Monthly Meeting to be moved to Greater Contentnea Preparative Meeting instead of to Neuse. In 1772 Lower Falling Creek Monthly Meeting was discontinued and all the records including the membership were turned over to that Meeting. That is why the Cox and Kennedy families appear in the records of Contentnea Monthly Meeting. At the same time they continued to be members of the Neuse Preparative Meeting.

When Contentnea Monthly Meeting was established a line was drawn across the state. Meetings on the east side were to go to Core Sound Monthly Meeting in Carteret County and those on the west side to Contentnea Monthly Meeting. The names of members recorded in Hinshaw's Encyclopedia lived in a dozen or more counties and were members of several Preparative Meetings.

At the Yearly Meeting held at Well's in Perquimans County 10th month 1789, a committee of 23 Friends was set up to establish and supervise a second Quarterly Meeting in Eastern North Carolina, to be known as Contentnea Quarterly Meeting. Contentnea Monthly Meeting was part of this new Quarterly Meeting.

Neuse Preparative Meeting was permitted to establish itself as a Monthly Meeting 12-4-1841 and thereby was no longer a part of Contentnea Monthly Meeting, but became one of the Monthly Meetings composing the Contentnea Quarterly Meeting.

In time Neuse Monthly Meeting became the mother of five Preparative Meetings in Wayne and Sampson Counties with a membership of from 400 to 500 members. In spite of improved roads and modes of travel the members began to complain of the hardships of travel. Eventually Neuse Monthly Meeting set off each of the Preparative Meetings as Monthly Meetings, leaving Neuse with only a small membership in that area.

You asked who Richard Cox was and where he lived. Richard Cox lived here on this place near the Neuse River and near the first Neuse Meeting House. He was the son of Thomas Cox and father and son came together to this area. He was (Richard) my father's great grandfather and my mother's great-great grandfather. He was also your ancestor. He was married twice, first to Elizabeth _____. We have never been able to discover her maiden name or when she was born or died. A son of this union was Micajah born 7-8-1751. Micajah was married to Louisa Lancaster at Great Contentnea Meeting House 4-11-1773. Her parents were William and Sarah Lan-

caster. To Micajah and Louisa was born Sanders Cox 6-27-1785. Sanders' son Micajah was the father of Elizabeth Cox who married your grandfather, Colonel Kennedy.

Your records of Richard Cox's second marriage to Mary Kennedy 8-10-1768 are correct, also that of Sarah Cox to John Kennedy 6-11-1769 at Lower Falling Creek Meeting House.

The Cox and Kennedy families were associated from Core Sound to Quaker Neck, though part of the records of both Core Sound and Lower Falling Creek were lost. I have been told that Walter Kennedy lived southeast of Goldsboro more in the vicinity of Seven Springs or White Hall. I am inclined to think that they were correct as there are Kennedys living in Southeastern Wayne County, in Lenoir County and in Duplin County who could be descendants of Walter and Sarah Kennedy. If this is true, the Kennedy family was much nearer Lower Falling Creek Meeting than the Cox family.

The early Friends or Quakers travelled wherever necessary to attend their Meetings. The Cox and Kennedy families of this area were no exception. They attended Core Sound Meeting until Lower Falling Creek was established. Then after the meeting was established in the home of Richard Cox they continued to go to Lower Falling Creek to attend Monthly Meeting, or later to Contentnea Monthly Meeting. They also attended Quarterly Meeting where or whenever it was held, particularly if they were appointed as representatives of their Monthly Meetings. We know that the granddaughter of Richard Cox rode horseback all the way to Core Sound and carried a baby in her arms to attend Quarterly Meeting because she was appointed a representative from Neuse Monthly Meeting.

The early Quakers were a sturdy, industrious, and devout folk who had the courage and determination to live up to their convictions. They believed they must attend to the Lord's work where ever or whenever it might be. The Cox and Kennedy families were numbered among those early Quakers.

If you have family history that we do not have we shall be happy to have copies of the information. Please feel free to contact us for information that we have.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Cox"

"Route 1, Box 17
Goldsboro, N. C.
July 31, 1962

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Perhaps I should have written you as soon as I received your letter and told you that I did not know anything about your questions which would have been about right. Instead I have spent most of my spare time searching the Cox records.

This makes the fourth letter I have started and abandoned, searching the records more to see if I could figure it out. When I read the deed you sent I knew it would be necessary to find a parcel of Cox land with which I was not familiar or another Kennedy place, so I began my search. I studied deeds and copies of deeds made to Stanton Cox, my grandfather and to his oldest son Isaac. I found among the deeds some made by Thomas Kennedy to both Stanton and Isaac Cox and another parcel sold by his daughter-in-law and her second husband. These parcels added together made a block of land consisting of 375 acres that joined the land of Stanton Cox on the south side. However I found other evidence to prove that the land in your deed is in the Quaker Neck.

According to family history passed down from person to person the Kennedy land was originally owned by Thomas Cox, father of Sarah Cox Kennedy. Thomas had a second wife and by her a son William born 1-6-1754. I have not been able to find out much about either the second wife or son William. William owned the Cox family bible that the grandfather Thomas brought from England in 1690. He sold the bible to John Kennedy and I think that the date and the price is recorded in the Bible. I have seen the bible only once and failed to copy the dates. William Cox was 15 years old when John Kennedy and Sarah Cox were married and I believe that he lived in their home. Perhaps Sarah was responsible for him before she was married. William would have been 44 years old when John Kennedy bought the Quaker Neck land. I do not believe that he lived to be that old as there are no Quaker records of him or his activities. I have not searched the county records.

I have always thought that John Kennedy moved to the Quaker Neck when he married Sarah Cox. This could have been assumption on my part but he could not have lived far away as he was so closely associated with the Cox family. His name appears many times as witness to deeds and wills. Sarah Kennedy died 1-6-1793. They lived together 23 years. There is no record of children. A son of Dr. Jack

Kennedy once told me that his ancestor John Kennedy owned and lived where Cherry Hospital now stands. This is the State Hospital for the Colored Insane. I am sorry I cannot give you definite information.

The statement made in my letter to you about the Kennedys and Coxes being associated from Core Sound to Quaker Neck is probably also assumption. Quakers traveled all over eastern North Carolina to attend meetings so they knew each other regardless of where they lived. We have no actual record of a Kennedy living at Core Sound. We do know that the Cox family did live there for a while but do not know exactly how long, as we do not have the date they came to North Carolina. We do know that they came to Quaker Neck in 1740.

Since you seem interested in the history of the Cox family the following information from Philadelphia might be interesting. The King of England made two men Lords Proprietor of the Philadelphia area. They became bankrupt so 24 men (I presume all were Quakers) bought them out in 1681. One of the 24 men was Thomas Cox of London who was also Lord Proprietor of East Jersey. His son Thomas Cox with wife Esther came to America on the ship Kent in 1690 with William Penn and settled in what is now Pennsylvania. Thomas, son of Thomas and Esther, married Mary Chandler. Thomas and Mary lived in Pennsylvania until Mary died and their daughter married. Then widower Thomas and his other children—Richard, Thomas, Edras, Hannah, Sarah and Elizabeth came to North Carolina. Richard is our ancestor, Sarah married John Kennedy and Elizabeth married James Musgrave. I presume this is the Musgrave mentioned in your deed. James and Elizabeth Musgrave had a daughter Hannah who married a Peter Hines. He could be the Peter Hines in your deed. Thomas, brother of Richard, married Phebe Fellows and owned the land from Falling Creek to the land in your deed. Before the date of your deed he had died and the land had been divided among his sons.

We have never looked up the exact location of either Lower Falling Creek or Contentnea meeting houses. We think Lower Falling Creek was near Kinston and that Contentnea was down the creek from Snow Hill. Early settlers used Neuse River for transportation so they tended to settle near the mouth of the creeks.

Was John Kennedy, the Second, the father or grandfather of John T. Kennedy, your grandfather?

You probably have Coxes on your list that we do not have as you also have those who were non-Quakers. We should appreciate seeing your list of Coxes and copying off those we do not have.

Thank you for giving us the information on the Kennedy family and letting us see the copy of the deed, which we are returning to you in this letter.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Cox

P. S. John Kennedy bought part of the James Musgrave estate in 1816."

"Route 1, Box 17
Goldsboro, N. C.
August 1, 1962

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Enclosed is an article that recently came out in our local paper about the Kennedy family. We think that you might be interested in it. Do not bother to return it as we have another copy.

Thank you for your recent letter and the information that it contained.

You asked about where the early Coxes were buried. We are not certain about where the first Thomas Cox, father of Richard, was buried or where Sarah Cox Kennedy was buried. We know that Richard Cox was buried at the old Neuse Meeting House down on the river near the present Carolina Power and Light Company dam, just off this farm. His son Thomas, our great grandfather, was buried down in the Quaker Neck near his home. That area is now under water in a lake that has been created by the Carolina Power and Light Company. All the following generations of our family have been buried at the present Neuse Meeting House. Other members of the early Cox family, who were not our immediate ancestors, were buried at local burial plots, the Kennedy burial plot, or the old Neuse Meeting House and no trace of the graves can be found today. I think that many years ago I saw the markers for Micajah and Sally Pike Cox, your great grandparents, in the old Kennedy burial plot at the Tommie Kennedy place.

In Neuse Meeting records I find that a John Kennedy was condemned for marrying out of union 8-2-1851. Could this be your great grandfather? If so, who was his second wife? She must have owned slaves as two years later John was disowned for believing in slavery.

Enclosed is a Kennedy Family Tree I compiled from information that you sent me. Will you please correct it and supply missing names and dates? You did not give information beyond those I listed. I hope that it makes sense as you read it. Please return the corrected copy to me. Thank you.

I hope that you have the good fortune in assembling all the information needed for your History of the Kennedy Family.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Cox"

COMMENT: A careful study of the letters of Miss Cox reveals much interesting information on the relations of the families of Cox and Kennedy. At the time considered, both families were Quakers. It is believed that Walter Kennedy II (1) was a Quaker for he married Sarah Fellow of a Quaker family and they are both mentioned in Quaker Records. Certainly their two children, John and Mary, were Quakers and both children married Quakers and were prominent in early Quaker meetings. (Hinshaw.)

In later years, 1820-1840, many of the Wayne County Quakers went west and among them were a good many Kennedys. Also, some Quakers married out of union and their connection with the Quaker Church thus severed. Others for some reason or another abandoned the Quaker faith and joined other denominations. Thus by 1850 and subsequently there were many Kennedys of Wayne County who were not Quakers. The family of the author was among these non-Quaker Kennedys.

The following extracts from Hinshaw's Quaker Genealogy shows very clearly the genealogy of the Wayne County Kennedys from Walter II (1) to John IV (2) inclusive:

1. *Contentnea minutes and marriage record.*

Mary Kennedy, Dobbs County, m. Richard Cox—1768 (10-8)

John Kennedy, Dobbs County, m. Sarah Cox at Falling Creek
M. H. 1769 (11-6)

Richard Cox, Dobbs County, m. Mary Kennedy at house of said
Richard Cox 1768 (10-8)

Sarah Cox, Dobbs County, m. John Kennedy at Falling Creek
M. H. 1769 (11-6)

Sarah Kennedy d. 1-16-1793 (wife of John Kennedy III (1))

John Kennedy, Wayne County, m. Elizabeth Outland at Contentnea M. H. 4-13-1794
Ch: Thomas, b. 2-6-1796
John, b. 12-9-1797

2. *Neuse M. M. Minutes, Hinshaw p. 16.*

John Kennedy, s. Walter and Sarah, b. 9-29-1747; d. 1-31-1823, aged about 75 years.

Elizabeth Kennedy, dt. Thomas and Elizabeth Outland, b. 11-17-1757; d. 12-24-1836 in 80th year of age.

3. *Core Sound M. M. (Hinshaw p. 272)*

Thomas Kennedy presented a cert. to M. 9-25-1819.

Thomas Kennedy, s. of John and Elizabeth, Wayne County, m. Elizabeth Hellen at Core Sound M. H.

(Comment: This was Thomas Kennedy's first marriage)

Elizabeth Hellen (alias Kennedy) (with h.) G C T Contentnea M. M. 12-25-1819

4. *Pasquotank M. M. (Hinshaw p. 144)*

Thomas Kennedy, S. John and Elizabeth, Wayne County, m. Esabella Elliott at Little River M. H. 10-16-1853

(Comment: This was Thomas Kennedy's third marriage, no issue)

5. *Neuse M. M. (Con't.)*

Thomas Kennedy, s. John and Elizabeth, d. 11-17-1864, aged 68 years, 5 months and 15 days, in State of Indiana.

Elizabeth (Hellen) Kennedy, W. Thomas, b. 3-28-1798, d. 4-12-1846, in 49th year.

Ch. (of above Thomas and Elizabeth)

John Brian, b. 10-8-1820, d. 9-6-1843, aged 22 years.

Mary, b. 3-5-1822.

Elizabeth Ann, b. 12-26-1823, d. 8-1-1824.

Sarah, b. 10-31-1825; d. 7-29-1837.

Thomas John, b. 6-10-1829.

Achsah Kennedy, 2d W. Thomas, d. 7-17-1852.

Ch. George Fox, b. 12-25-1850

(Comment: Achsah (Cox) was the 2d wife of Thomas Kennedy. Thomas John Kennedy reported 1856 married out of union to Isabella Musgrave, a birthright friend, and living at Bloomfield, Park County, Indiana.)

6. *Contentnea* (Con't.)

Phoebe Fellow, dt. John, dec., Johnston County, m. Thomas Cox, Falling Creek M. H. 1749.

(Comment: It is thought that Phoebe Fellow was the sister of Sarah Fellow who married Walter Kennedy II (1) about 1745.)

Robert Fellow reported m. to Rachel Peele 12-13-1783.

Many of their children went to White Water M. M., Indiana in 1831.

(Comment: White Water M. M., Indiana was located at Richmond, Indiana.)

There are many other items of interest to be found in Vol. I of Hinshaw. Those shown above are representative and show the value of Hinshaw to one with Quaker ancestry. They represent a principal source of statistical information of the early Kennedys, especially those of Wayne County.

From these records and many other sources, the data have been obtained from which the genealogies in the succeeding chapters have been put together.

CHAPTER IV

Genealogy of Wayne County Kennedys

Chapter 1 concluded with a brief genealogy of the early Kennedys of present Lenoir County. John Kennedy III (1), son of Walter II (1), married first Sarah Cox in 1769 and at some time after this marriage he moved to the Cox settlement in Quaker Neck in Wayne County. Sarah Cox Kennedy died in 1792. There were no children of this marriage. John Kennedy III (1) married second Elizabeth Outland in 1794. This couple lived at the old Kennedy home place in Quaker Neck and had two children, Thomas and John. Thomas lived at the old Kennedy home place of his father until about 1860 when he moved to Indiana where he died in 1864. His home place was often referred to in later years as the "old Tommy Kennedy place." Thomas Kennedy was an ardent and faithful member of the Society of Friends and held many important offices in that church.

THOMAS KENNEDY IV (1)

IV (1) Thomas Kennedy, b. Feb. 6, 1796; d. Nov. 17, 1864 in Indiana.

m. 1st. Sept. 26, 1819

Elizabeth Hellen, b. Mar. 28, 1798; d. Apr. 12, 1846

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V (1) John Brian. b. Oct. 8, 1820; d. Sept. 6, 1843

(2) Mary, b. Mar. 5, 1822; d. 1864

(3) Elizabeth Ann, b. Dec. 26, 1826; d. August. 1, 1824

(4) Sarah, b. Oct. 31, 1825; d. July 29, 1837

(5) Thomas John, b. June 10, 1829

m. 2nd

Achsah Cox, b. ; d. July 17, 1852

ISSUE

(6) George Fox, b. Dec. 25, 1850; d.

m. 3rd Oct. 16, 1853

Esabella Elliott

NO ISSUE

V (1) John Brian Kennedy, b. Oct. 8, 1820; d. Sept. 6,
m. Oct. 1, 1843, at Rich Square, N. C.
Deborah Outland

ISSUE NOT KNOWN

V (2) Mary Kennedy, b. Mar. 5, 1822; d. 1864
m. June 9, 1842
Parriss S. Benbow, b. Dec. 25, 1812

ISSUE

VI (1) Charles K., b. Aug. 9, 1847
(2) Elizabeth Hellen, b. July 5, 1849
(3) Thomas Kennedy, b. July 9, 1852
(4) Mary H., b.

Mary Kennedy Benbow and three children died in Indiana
in the year 1864.

V (5) Thomas John Kennedy, b. June 10, 1829;
m. 1st June 5, 1854
Name of 1st wife unknown.
m. 2nd June 5, 1856
Isabella M. Musgrave
Went to Indiana.

V (6) George Fox Kennedy, b. Dec. 25, 1850; d.
m.

Name of wife unknown.

George Fox Kennedy lived for a part of his life in Raleigh, North
Carolina.

JOHN KENNEDY, JR. IV (2)

John Kennedy, Jr. IV (2), son of John Kennedy III (1) and
Elizabeth Outland, married Sarah Everett Becton (widow) Sept. 19,
1816. Sarah was not a Quaker; therefore, John was disowned for
marrying out of union. He was later received again into the Society
but was soon disowned for owning slaves. He became a wealthy
planter and had large land holdings about five miles northwest of
Goldsboro near the present town of Rosewood. They lived at "Oak
Hill," just south of the present intersection of Highways 70 and 581.
A grove of oaks, some of them very old, can still be seen at the loca-
tion. John and Sarah (often called Sallie) raised a large family at
Oak Hill; some of whom became Quakers and some not. Several of
the Quaker sons moved west while the others remained in Wayne

County. The records of several of the children of John Kennedy IV (2) are incomplete and some are lost. Richard Lee Kennedy, son of John Thomas Kennedy V (4), worked very hard on trying to assemble records of the Kennedy and Cox families. He often left out dates and other facts or they were not available to him. He generously gave the author the benefits of his researches. In the following genealogy of John Kennedy, Jr. IV (2) much of his information is used and often in his own words. When this is done, identification is made by the use of his initials, R. L. K.

IV (2) John Kennedy, Jr., b. Dec. 9, 1797; d. July 4, 1854

m. Oct. 19, 1816

Sarah Everett Becton (widow), b. July 28, 1794; d. April 19, 1851

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V (1) Ann Elizabeth, b. June 6, 1818

(2) Joseph E., b. Aug. 29, 1819

(3) Anna M., b. Mar. 1, 1821

(4) John Thomas, b. Mar. 5, 1824

(5) William Frederick, b. Oct. 25, 1825

(6) Thomas Walter, b. July 15, 1827

(7) Matthew, b. Jan. 22, 1830

(8) Sarah (Sally), b. Sept. 20, 1831

(9) Amy, b. July 6, 1833

(10) Richard, b. July 22, 1835

(11) James Gurney, b. June 3, 1838

(12) Mary Jane, b. Nov. 25, 1840

V (1) ANN ELIZABETH KENNEDY

V (1) Ann Elizabeth Kennedy, b. June 6, 1818; d. May, 1853

m. Dec. 17, 1842

William Hare of Virginia

ISSUE

VI (1) Lizzie (Elizabeth) Hare

(2) Richard Hare

(3) John Harle Hare

V (2) JOSEPH E. KENNEDY

V (2) Joseph E. Kennedy, b. Aug. 29, 1819; d. May, 1885.

m.

Mary McKinney

ISSUE

VI (1) John Kennedy

"Jack Kennedy, son of Joseph Kennedy and Mary McKinney Kennedy died at age of sixty years. Never married." R. L. K.

VI (2) Robert Kennedy

"Robert Kennedy married a Pitt County woman. They lived in Greenville, N. C., and later moved to Florida, had three boys at the time they moved to Florida." R. L. K.

VI (3) Sarah (Sally) Kennedy

"Sally Kennedy married Daniel Becton, John E. Becton's third son. There was born to that union Henry Becton, and both father and mother died. The boy was raised by Joseph Kennedy, Jr. and was in Rutherford, N. C. at last reports." R. L. K.

VI (4) Anna Kennedy

"Anna Kennedy married in Morgan Town, N. C. I don't know the name. There were no children." R. L. K.

VI (5) Mollie Kennedy

"Mollie Kennedy married a Morgan Town, N. C. man. Don't know the name. There were no children." R. L. K.

VI (6) Joseph Kennedy

"Joseph Kennedy, Jr., son of Joseph Kennedy and Mary McKinney, married at Rutherford, N. C. Never heard of any heirs. They lived at Rutherford, N. C." R. L. K.

VI (7) James Kennedy

"James Kennedy, son of Joseph Kennedy and Mary McKinney, moved to Georgia while a young man. Don't know if he ever married or had heirs." R. L. K.

V (3) ANNA M. KENNEDY

V (3) Anna M. Kennedy, daughter of John Kennedy IV (2) and Sarah Everett Becton, b. Mar. 1, 1821; d.

NO KNOWN ISSUE

V (4) JOHN THOMAS KENNEDY

John Thomas Kennedy V (4) was a very prominent citizen of Wayne County before, during and after the Civil War. He was always referred to by the people of Wayne as "Colonel Kennedy" from his service in that war, in which he reached the rank of Colonel.

He was the father of a very large family and his many descendants are now found all over the United States in various states from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He married on Oct. 12, 1843 Elizabeth Cox, daughter of Micajah and Sally Pike Cox. He lived a long life and died in Raleigh, North Carolina Jan. 21, 1913 at the age of 89 years.

The following partial extract from the Goldsboro News-Argus of August 9, 1962 gives a few of the highlights of the life of John T. Kennedy, Col. C. S. A.

"One of Few Known Cases

WAYNE HAD FAMOUS FATHER-SON TEAM SERVING IN THE CIVIL WAR

By Moses Rountree

One of few cases, doubtless, in which a Wayne County father and son served in the Civil War was that of Col. John T. Kennedy and his son, Dr. J. B. (Jack) Kennedy. In his "War Time Reminiscences," written in 1909, J. M. Hollowell noted that the Kennedys were the only father and son in the Confederate Army, both of whom were still living . . .

Col. Kennedy was from a prominent Wayne County family. His grandfather, John Kennedy, owned a plantation on the Neuse and was one of the founders of the Neuse Friends Church, in 1782. He and his wife were buried in the old church cemetery.

Col. Kennedy's father, John Kennedy, married Sarah Everett Becton, daughter of Joseph Everette, for whom Everettesville was named. They lived at "Oak Hill," just south of the present intersection of Highways 581 and 70. A grove of oaks, some of them very old, can still be seen at the location. Mary Jane Kennedy, one of the couple's nine children, married Needham Stevens of Grantham, father of Sheriff E. A. Stevens, by a second marriage.

Col. John T. Kennedy married Elizabeth Anne Pike Cox, granddaughter of Nathan Pike, for whom Pikeville was named. He and his wife lived at "The Meadows," on the site where O'Berry Training School is located. They had nine children, their oldest son being J. B. Kennedy (Dr. Jack Kennedy).

Son Jack Enlists

John T. Kennedy was 37, and his son Jack just turned 16, when the Civil War opened in April, 1861. Jack enlisted the same month, according to Moore's Roster. That fall, the Wayne County company to which he was attached became a part of the newly formed 35th N. C. Infantry, with which he served until his discharge on August 16, 1862, when the term of his enlistment probably ran out.

He appears to have later gotten back into the war. Part of a Morse telegraph set (the sounder) with which he reportedly wired to Richmond the death of Stonewall Jackson in May, 1863, is owned by a granddaughter, Mrs. John B. Flowers, Jr., of Mt. Olive. He is also said to have been one of Jefferson Davis' bodyguards, on the flight from Richmond.

R. J. Reaves, manager of the local Western Union office, says the telegraph set is the oldest model he ever saw.

Father Enters War

Col. John T. Kennedy got into the war in July, 1862, when he organized and became captain of a cavalry company drawn from Wayne, Johnston and Wake counties. A month later the company, along with two other mounted companies from North Carolina, became part of the 62nd Georgia Regiment. Kennedy was promoted to major and put in command of the three N. C. companies.

The 62nd Georgia was on picket duty in Eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia from the fall of 1862 until May, 1864, when it was ordered to Petersburg, Va. to help turn back the first federal assault on that city.

In June, Kennedy, who had been promoted to lieutenant-colonel, was severely wounded in a cavalry skirmish south of Petersburg. In July, he was assigned as colonel in command of the newly formed 75th N. C. Regiment, but never recovered sufficiently from his wounds to be much with the regiment.

A chapter on the 75th N. C. Regiment was written for Clark's History of North Carolina Regiments by Kennedy and Lt. W. F. Parker.

First Sheriff After War

Kennedy was Wayne County's first sheriff after the war. He was left in reduced circumstances by the war, having invested heavily in Confederate bonds. He died at the Old Soldiers Home in Raleigh in 1913, at the age of 89, and was buried in the Confederate Cemetery there.

Kennedy's grandson, Brig. Gen. John Thomas Kennedy, was in command of Fort Bragg during World War II. Now retired, he lives in Columbia, S. C. He was the first South Carolinian to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. The award came for an exploit during the Philippine Insurrection in 1909.

Col. Kennedy's wife died in 1901. He later lived with his son, Jack, in the Grantham Community.

V (4) John Thomas Kennedy, b. Mar. 5, 1824; d. Jan. 21, 1913

m. Oct. 12, 1843

Elizabeth Cox, b. ; d. May 8, 1901

ISSUE

VI (1) John Bryan (Jack), b. Apr. 10, 1845

(2) Sarah E., b. Apr. 23, 1847; d. in infancy

(3) Micajah Thomas (Mike), b. Nov. 4, 1848

(4) William Frederick, b. Apr. 15, 1851

(5) Silas Cox, b. May 28, 1853

(6) Mary Elizabeth (Mollie), b. Aug. 28, 1855

(7) Matthew Everett, b. Aug. 4, 1857

(8) Thomas Simpson, b. Sept. 22, 1859

(9) Richard Lee (Bose), b. Apr. 27, 1862

(10) Robert Dearing (Dade), b. Aug. 13, 1864

(11) Sidney Davis, b. May 17, 1867

VI (1) John Bryan Kennedy, b. Apr. 10, 1845; d. Nov., 1916

m. 1st

Sarah Cox Crutcher (widow)

ISSUE

VII (1) John Richard Kennedy

(2) Henry C. Kennedy

(3) William A. Kennedy

(4) James Matthew Kennedy

m. 2nd Aug. 23, 1892

Katherine Amelia Bridgers, b. Oct. 7, 1856; d. 1906

ISSUE

(5) Henry B. Kennedy, b. June 1, 1895

(6) Sarah A. Kennedy, b. Mar. 26, 1898

VII (1) John Richard Kennedy

m.

McClamie

ISSUE

VIII (1) John M. Kennedy

VII (2) Henry C. Kennedy, died in early manhood and left no issue.

VII (3) William Alfonsa Kennedy

m.

Annie Elizabeth Bridgers

ISSUE

VIII (1) Celeste E. Kennedy, b.

(2) Lois C. Kennedy, b.

(3) William A. Kennedy, Jr., b.

(4) Chloe L. Kennedy, b.

(5) John B. Kennedy, b.

VIII (1) Celeste Elizabeth Kennedy

m.

Joseph W. Sears

ISSUE

IX (1) Josephine Elizabeth Sears

(2) Charles William Sears

VIII (2) Lois C. Kennedy

m.

E. F. Mitchell

ISSUE

IX (1) Floyd Mitchell

(2) Peggy Jean Mitchell

VIII (3) William A. Kennedy, Jr.

Died in early manhood—no issue

VIII (4) Chloe L. Kennedy

m.

Richard Collins

ISSUE

IX (1) Mary Elizabeth Collins

(2) Evelyn M. Collins

(3) Sidney Collins

VII (4) James Matthew Kennedy

m.

Flonnie Hood

ISSUE

"Home: Raleigh, North Carolina. They have several children." R. L. K.

VII (5) Henry B. Kennedy, b. June 1, 1895; d. July 4, 1960

m.

Nancy G. Thompson, b. Apr. 1, 1894

ISSUE

VIII (1) Henry Bridgers Kennedy, Jr., b. June 30, 1918

m. May 7, 1943

Sarah Helen Burdshaw, b.

ISSUE

IX (1) Nancy Rebecca Kennedy, b. Mar. 23, 1946

(2) Henry Bridgers Kennedy, III,
b. June 3, 1947

(3) James Abbott Kennedy,
b. Aug. 20, 1948

VIII (2) Katherine Yelverton Kennedy, b. Jan. 30, 1920

m. Feb. 20, 1940

John Baxton Flowers, Jr.

ISSUE

IX (1) John Baxton Flowers, III,
b. Sept. 25, 1942

(2) Katherine Kennedy Flowers,
b. Jan. 26, 1945

VIII (3) James Thompson Kennedy, b. Aug. 24, 1922

m. Jan. 18, 1943

Hilda Florine Bond

They have two adopted children

IX (1) Hilda Bond Kennedy, b. Dec. 25, 1945

(2) Hoke Eugene Kennedy, b. Oct. 21, 1952

VI (2) Sarah E. Kennedy, b. Apr. 23, 1847; d. in infancy; no
issue

VI (3) Micajah Thomas Kennedy, b. Nov. 4, 1848; d. Jan., 1895
m.

Augustine Cox

ISSUE

- VII (1) Anna
(2) Nona
(3) Ada
(4) Florence
(5) Edwin Thomas
(6) Earl

VII (1) Anna Kennedy, died in infancy

VII (2) Nona Kennedy, died in infancy

VII (3) Ada Kennedy

m.

John Miller

ISSUE

- VIII (1) Earl Miller
(2) Madison Miller

VII (4) Florence Kennedy

m.

Vernon L. Brown

ISSUE

- VIII (1) Vernon Brown
(2) Evans Brown
(3) Omar Brown

VII (5) Edwin Thomas Kennedy

m. 1st

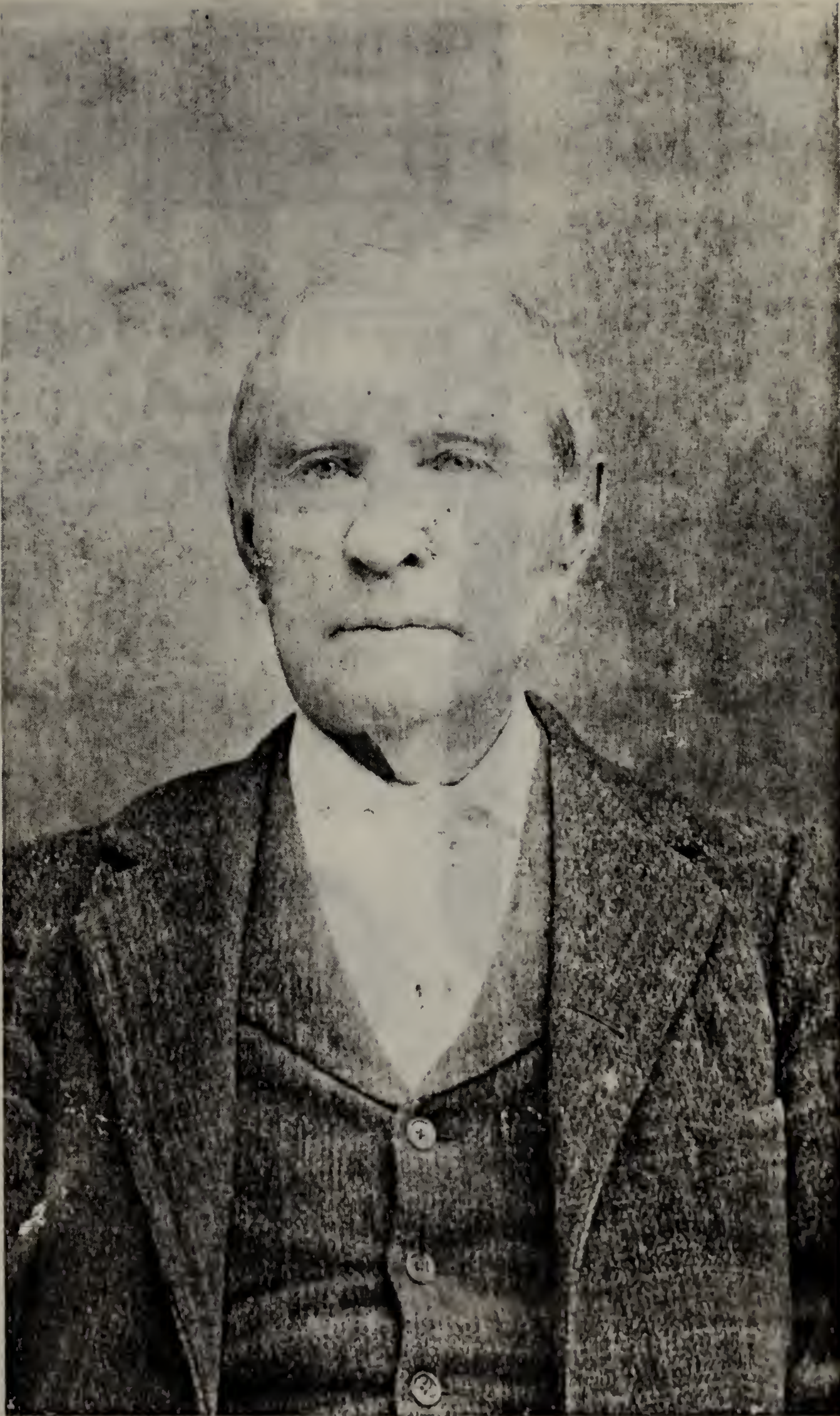
Emma Hines

ISSUE

- VIII (1) Leslie Kennedy
(2) Mamie Kennedy
(3) Wilma Kennedy



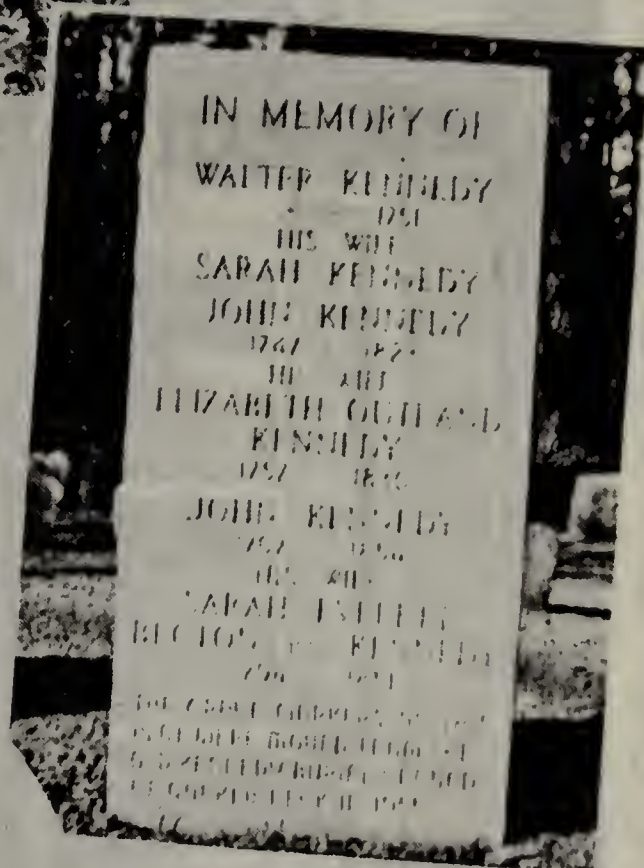
JOHN KENNEDY, IV (2), 1797-1854



JOHN THOMAS KENNEDY, V (4), Colonel, C. S. A., 1824-1913



Kennedy burial plot at Neuse Meeting House, Wayne County, North Carolina. (Removed to this location from the old site in 1955.)



Memorial monument for some early Kennedys in present burial plot



WALTER KENNEDY, IV (8), 1812-1876



The Kennedy Home Place, Lenoir County. Now a part of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Home



m. 2nd

Ina Stroud

ISSUE

- (4) Silas Kennedy
- (5) Isaac Kennedy
- (6) Estes Kennedy
- (7) Rufus Kennedy

VII (6) Earl Kennedy

m.

Clyde Lambert

ISSUE

Four girls and one boy

VI (4) William Frederick Kennedy, b. Apr. 15, 1851; d.

m. 1st

Melinda Nowell

NO ISSUE

m. 2nd

Name of wife not known

ISSUE

"There was born to this union; John, Mary, Sally, and Earl. They lived in Georgia." R. L. K.

VI (5) SILAS COX KENNEDY

Silas Cox Kennedy went to Orangeburg County, South Carolina when he was a young man about 25 years old. There he met and married Ida Funchess and reared a large family. They are buried in Rowesville, Orangeburg County, South Carolina.

VI (5) Silas Cox Kennedy, b. May 28, 1853; d. Oct. 11, 1936

m. Oct. 30, 1881

Ida Susannah Catherine Funchess, b. Oct. 4, 1861; d.
Mar. 4, 1924

ISSUE

- VII (1) Ida Estelle, b. Aug. 10, 1882
- (2) Albert Sidney, b. Nov. 10, 1883
- (3) John Thomas, b. July 22, 1885
- (4) Gurney Hayden, b. May 22, 1888
- (5) Mary Alice, b. Sept. 14, 1890
- (6) Ralph Guy, b. Oct. 31, 1892

- (7) William Barton, b. Mar. 31, 1894
- (8) Hugh Howell, b. Apr. 15, 1899
- (9) Anne Elizabeth, b. July 4, 1902

VII (1) Ida Estelle Kennedy, b. Aug. 10, 1882; d. Oct. 1962
m. Apr. 24, 1904

Henry Julius Zeigler, b. Oct. 14, 1869; d. Feb. 21, 1940

ISSUE

VIII (1) Henry Julius Zeigler, Jr., b. Feb. 25, 1905;
d. July 2, 1959

m. 1st Sept. 1, 1928

Willie Grace McConnell

ISSUE

- IX (1) Patsy Zeigler
- (2) Kathleen Zeigler
- (3) Nancy Zeigler

m. 2nd

Name not known

ISSUE

- (4) Mike Zeigler
- (5) Eloise Zeigler

VIII (2) Earle Neville Zeigler, b. Oct. 19, 1906

m. June 1, 1929

Davis Newkirk

NO ISSUE

VIII (3) Albert Kennedy Zeigler, b. Aug. 10, 1909

m.

Marie Miller

ISSUE

- IX (1) Albert K., Jr., b. Jan. 23, 1941; d.
Apr. 7, 1944
- (2) Mary Ida, b. Oct. 24, 1947

VIII (4) William Newton Zeigler, b. Dec. 26, 1911

m.

Jeanette Adams

NO ISSUE

VIII (5) Harold Edward Zeigler, b. May 30, 1914

m. Jan. 15, 1939

Edwy Lena Bair, b. July 22, 1918

ISSUE

IX (1) Harold E. Zeigler, Jr., b. Dec. 7, 1940

(2) Henry Alton Zeigler, b. Feb. 28, 1945

VII (2) Albert Sidney Kennedy, b. Nov. 10, 1883

m. May 14, 1910

Ada Charlotte Fuller, b. Mar. 30, 1884

ISSUE

VIII (1) Yates Fuller Kennedy, b. Jan. 26, 1916

m. 1st Oct. 28, 1936

Antoinette Wood, b. Dec. 16, 1917

ISSUE

IX (1) Beverly Ann Kennedy, b. May 29,
1937

(2) Sidney Wood Kennedy, b. Sept. 29,
1938

(3) June Augusta Kennedy, b. Oct. 6,
1939

m. 2nd Jan. 15, 1958

Martha Freruks

ISSUE

(4) Richard John Kennedy, b. Nov. 17,
1958

(5) Susan Kennedy, b. Oct. 16, 1961

IX (1) Beverly Ann Kennedy, b. May 29, 1937

m. Dec. 15, 1958

Bernard Don Langmo

ISSUE

X (1) Bernard Don Langmo, Jr., b. Sept. 14, 1960

(2) Albert John Langmo, b. Dec. 22, 1961

IX (2) Sidney Wood Kennedy, b. Sept. 29, 1938

m. Aug. 19, 1961

Mac Rea McLeod

NO ISSUE

IX (3) June Augusta Kennedy, b. Oct. 6, 1939

m. June 24, 1958

Robert Olin Wood, b. Feb. 15, 1939

ISSUE

X (1) Charlotte Augusta Wood, b. Mar. 18, 1959

(2) Robert Olin Wood, Jr., b. Sept. 16, 1961

VII (3) John Thomas Kennedy, b. July 22, 1885

m. Apr. 27, 1910

Marguerite Bolton Elmer, b. Apr. 27, 1889; d. June 19, 1933

ISSUE

VIII (1) Elmer Bolton Kennedy, b. Apr. 25, 1911

m. Jan. 3, 1942

Letitia H. Rider

ISSUE

IX (1) John Rider, b. Oct. 29, 1947

(2) Charles Elmer, b. Apr. 17, 1950

VIII (2) Marguerite Funchess Kennedy, b. Nov. 24, 1912

m. Jan. 1, 1937

Douglas Griesemer, Jr.

ISSUE

IX (1) Kathleen Griesemer, b. Mar. 20, 1941

(2) Patty Mead Griesemer, b. May 18, 1943

VIII (3) Kathleen Kennedy, b. Nov. 8, 1917

m. Mar. 6, 1943

William Francis Dibble, b. Feb. 17, 1916

ISSUE

IX (1) Marguerite Dibble, b. Dec. 16, 1943

(2) Susan Kennedy Dibble, b. June 12, 1947

(3) Kathleen Hayden Dibble, b. July 12, 1953

VII (4) Gurney Hayden Kennedy, b. May 22, 1888; d. June 4, 1904

NO ISSUE

VII (5) Mary Alice Kennedy, b. Sept. 14, 1890; d. May 23, 1954

m. Nov. 14, 1915

John Blumer Owen, b. Apr. 10, 1887; d. July 12, 1956

ISSUE

VIII (1) Manning Kennedy Owen, b. Sept. 8, 1916

m. June 5, 1940

Joanna Elizabeth Townes, b. Oct. 17, 1914

NO ISSUE

VIII (2) John Silas Owen, b. Mar. 16, 1920

m. July 22, 1962

Dorothy Lewis Payne, b. June 11, 1924

NO ISSUE

VIII (3) Mary Alice Owen, b. Oct. 16, 1923

m. Oct. 27, 1943

Ralph Shatlock, b. Sept. 23, 1924

ISSUE

IX (1) Mary Alice Shatlock, b. Nov. 11,
1945

VII (6) Ralph Guy Kennedy, b. Oct. 31, 1892

m. Oct. 1, 1923

Martha Elizabeth Shealy, b. July 13, 1898

ISSUE

VIII (1) Ralph Shealy Kennedy, b. Aug. 30, 1924

m. Mar. 11, 1949

Joann Kearse, b. July 21, 1929

ISSUE

IX (1) Ralph Shealy Kennedy, Jr., b. Oct.
21, 1958

(2) James Guy Kennedy, b. Nov. 2, 1962

VIII (2) Julia Susanne (Juanne) Kennedy, b. Apr. 15,
1927

m. June 15, 1951

Claude Leonard Weeks, b. Oct. 8, 1926

ISSUE

- IX (1) Claude Leonard Weeks, Jr., b. July 30, 1953
(2) Russell Kennedy Weeks, b. Sept. 3, 1955
(3) Julia Susanne Weeks, b. Sept. 2, 1958
- VIII (3) Guy Funchess Kennedy, b. Oct. 23, 1930
m. Aug. 19, 1955
Judith Pearson Ruff, b. Nov. 15, 1931

ISSUE

- IX (1) Martha Shealy Kennedy, b. Aug. 10, 1958
(2) Guy Funchess Kennedy, Jr., b. May 31, 1960
- VII (7) William Barton Kennedy, b. Mar. 31, 1894; d. Aug. 26, 1909

NO ISSUE

- VII (8) Hugh Howell Kennedy, b. Apr. 15, 1899; d. Apr. 9, 1930

NO ISSUE

- VII (9) Anne Elizabeth Kennedy, b. July 4, 1902; d. Oct. 30, 1927

m.

Clarence Barnett

NO ISSUE

- VI (6) Mary Elizabeth Kennedy, b. Aug. 28, 1855; d. May, 1916
Never Married—NO ISSUE

- VI (7) Matthew Everett Kennedy, b. Aug. 4, 1857; d. Aug. 17, 1877

NO ISSUE

VI (8) THOMAS SIMPSON KENNEDY

Lived at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

- VI (8) Thomas Simpson Kennedy, b. Sept. 22, 1859; d. Mar. 28, 1939

m. Dec. 24, 1901

Mary L. Dent, b. Dec. 4, 1866; d. Oct. 23, 1921

ISSUE

- VII (1) William Thomas Kennedy, b. Oct. 17, 1902
m. May 8, 1938
Dora Morales, b. Aug. 24, 1905

ISSUE

- VIII (1) Thomas John Kennedy, b. June 28, 1939
VII (2) John Dent Kennedy, b. Mar. 20, 1905; d. Apr.
22, 1953
m. Jan. 26, 1930
Elma R. Marvin

NO ISSUE

VI (9) RICHARD LEE (BOSE) KENNEDY

Richard Lee Kennedy lived first in Wayne County, North Carolina where most of his children were born. He then moved to Oklahoma where he resided for several years. From Oklahoma he moved to Kooskia, Idaho where he spent many years of his long life. He was connected in the west with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. His children live in Idaho, Montana, California, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

- VI (9) Richard Lee Kennedy, b. Apr. 27, 1862; d. Dec. 18, 1953,
91 years of age

m.

Roberta J. Cox

ISSUE

The following is the record of this family as shown in the family record by the father, R. L. Kennedy, in 1947.

- “VII (1) Hugh Peel Kennedy died at the age of eight years
(2) Achsah Kennedy died at the age of three years
(3) Miriam Kennedy, son, died at the age of eight months
(4) Mary Olive Kennedy, died at the age of three years
(5) Rom L. Kennedy, not married, was at Sacramento, California at last reports.
(6) Henry C. Kennedy married Mabel Byrum of Blytheville, Arkansas. There was born to that union Richard Kennedy, died at the age of four years; Patsey Kennedy died at the age of two years; Mary Margaret, living; and Sally

Roberta, four years of age, living. They live at Blytheville, Arkansas

(7) Nase B. Kennedy, not married and lives at Kooskia, Idaho

(8) Bose Everett Kennedy, not married and living at Richmond, California (Later moved to Kooskia, Idaho)

(9) John T. Kennedy, married Dorothy Rainey of Hugo, Oklahoma. There was born to that union one girl, Wilma, not married, is in school at Bozeman, Montana. They live at Butte, Montana"

Note: A later letter from R. L. Kennedy in 1949 shows Wilma Kennedy married to R. B. Shooton and living in Boyd, Montana. There was a girl baby named Linda Kay Shooton"

VI (10) ROBERT DEARING KENNEDY

Robert Dearing Kennedy (Dade) left North Carolina and moved to southeast Missouri about the year 1889-90. He was a Methodist minister for many years until his death in 1951 and held many pastorates in southeast Missouri. He held pastorates in Cape Girardeau and Scott County and elsewhere. His first pastorate after marriage in 1892 was in New Madrid. His last regular charge was at Laboddie near St. Louis.

VI (10) Robert Dearing Kennedy, b. Aug. 13, 1864; d. Mar. 17, 1951

m. Nov. 1892

Laura Lucatah Boutwell, b. ; d. Sept. 1936

ISSUE

VII (1) Bessie Key Kennedy, b. Jan. 9, 1894

(2) Clyde Kennedy, b. Jan. 31, 1897; d. 1901

(3) Robert Earl Kennedy, b. Sept. 13, 1899; d. Dec. 22, 1957

(4) Ione Kennedy, b. Mar. 17, 1901

(5) Mary Lois Kennedy, b. Apr. 7, 19—; d. Feb. 16, 1941

(6) Evelyn Kennedy, b. Sept. 15, 1911

VII (1) Bessie K. Kennedy, b. Jan. 9, 1894

m. May 1918

Emra A. Fulbright, b. _____ ; d. Jan., 1960

NO ISSUE

VII (2) Clyde Kennedy, b. Jan. 31, 1897; d. 1901

NO ISSUE

VII (3) Robert Earl Kennedy, b. Sept. 13, 1899; d. Dec. 22, 1957

112.

Not known

ISSUE

VIII (1) One daughter

VII (4) Ione Kennedy, b. Mar. 17, 1901

m. 1st

Frank Newcom, b ; d. 1926

ISSUE

VIII (1) Frances Newcom, b.

m. 2nd

Bryan Armstrong

NO ISSUE

VIII (1) Frances Newcom,

iii.

John Grant Trott

ISSUE

IX (1) Two sons, twins, b. 1948

(2) One son, b. 1953

VII (5) Mary Lois Kennedy, b. Apr. 7, 19—; d. Feb. 16, 1941

III.

Paul

ISSUE

VIII (1) Jeane Paul, b. 1924

(2) Robert Kennedy Paul, b. 1926

VIII (1) Jeane Paul, b. 1924

111.

Moore

ISSUE

IX (1) Anne Karen Moore, b.
1953

VIII (2) Robert Kennedy Paul, b. 1926

m.

Not known

ISSUE

IX (1) Ken Paul, b. Jan. 2, 1954

(2) Mike Paul, b. Oct. 1955

(3) Steve Paul, b. Aug. 1958

VII (6) Evelyn Kennedy, b. Sept. 15, 1911

m. 1st

Richard Heitt, b. ; d. 1936

NO ISSUE

m. 2nd

Leland Leslie Brown

NO ISSUE

VI (11) SIDNEY DAVIS KENNEDY

Sidney Davis Kennedy (Sid) was the youngest child of Col. John T. Kennedy V (4) and Elizabeth Cox. He lived with his father a number of years and after marriage lived in Mount Olive, North Carolina.

VI (11) Sidney Davis Kennedy, b. May 17, 1867; d. 1910

m.

Mary Smith

ISSUE

Mamie Kennedy

Here ends the long genealogy of Col. John T. Kennedy, C. S. A., and his wife, Elizabeth Cox of Wayne County, North Carolina, according to information available to the author. It is very much regretted that complete information of all families is not available. We now continue the line of John Kennedy IV (2) with his next child, William Frederick Kennedy.

V (5) William Frederick Kennedy, b. Oct. 25, 1825; d.

NO KNOWN ISSUE

V (6) THOMAS WALTER KENNEDY

Thomas Walter Kennedy was born at Oak Hill Plantation in Wayne County, North Carolina about six miles northwest of Goldsboro near the village of Rosewood. He married Martha Dees in Wayne County on February 27, 1855, and they had two children born there; one in 1856 and the other in 1857. Walter then moved to Crawford County, Illinois and had a daughter born there in 1858. He lived in Crawford County, Illinois until 1863 when he and his family moved to Leavenworth, Kansas. They also lived for a time in DeSoto, Kansas and he built the first store in Gorah, Kansas. Walter Kennedy and family later lived in Olathe, Kansas, where he and his wife both died and are buried. He reared a large family and his descendants are now found in many states.

V (6) Thomas Walter Kennedy, b. Aug. 15, 1827; d. Aug. 10, 1909

m. Feb. 27, 1855

Martha Dees, b. Oct. 12, 1833; d. Dec. 5, 1909

ISSUE

VI (1) Emma Ann, b. Mar. 25, 1856

(2) Sarah Jane, b. June 23, 1857

(3) Prudence Leuvenia, b. Aug. 19, 1858

(4) Mary Bell, b. May 13, 1860

(5) George Fox, b. July 15, 1862

(6) John Rigdon, b. Nov. 25, 1863

(7) Joseph James, b. Feb. 24, 1867

(8) Ruth, b. Oct. 24, 1870

(9) Annie Everett, b. Mar. 27, 1872

(10) Olive Dees, b. Apr. 25, 1875

VI (1) Emma Ann Kennedy, b. Mar. 25, 1856; d. June 2, 1936

m. Nov. 6, 1879

Herbert Lowery Marshall, b. Feb. 16, 1858

ISSUE

VII (1) George Walter Marshall, b. Oct. 27, 1880; d. Mar. 4, 1938

m. July 10, 1907

Abbie Jennie Screbbens

ISSUE

VIII (1) Walter Marshall, b. June 6, 1910

(2) Abbie Marshall, b. Apr. 2, 1912

- VII (2) Emma Gertrude Marshall, b. Dec. 31, 1881; d.
Feb. 11, 1934
- VII (3) Grace Lauretta Marshall, b. July 16, 1883; d.
Aug. 28, 1958
m. Aug. 12, 1922
Jesse Ezra Reness
NO ISSUE
- VII (4) Mary Jane Marshall, b. Aug. 31, 1885
m. Sept. 6, 1905
Harvey Lee Machen, b. 1884; d.
ISSUE
- VIII (1) Roy Walter Machen
(2) Grace Alice Machen
- VII (5) Conrad Herbert Marshall, b. July 18, 1890
m. Dec. 17, 1921
Grace Kipp Rainey, b. Aug. 4, 1892
ISSUE
- VIII (1) Robert Leonard Marshall
(2) Leland Conrad Marshall
- VI (2) Sarah Jane Kennedy, b. June 23, 1857; Died without
Issue, probably in infancy
- VI (3) Prudence Leuvenia Kennedy, b. Aug. 19, 1858; d. June
21, 1924
m. Feb. 17, 1885
Benjamin Barnetson, b. Sept. 21, 1846; d. May 19, 1926
ISSUE
- VII (1) Pearl Barnetson, b. Aug. 12, 1886; d. 1962
m. 1st Nov. 26, 1908
Charles B. Gardner, b. June 9, 1878; d. Nov.
27, 1911
ISSUE
- VIII (1) Loyd C. Gardner
(2) Twins died in infancy
m. 2nd Feb. 14, 1914
George Frank Jones, b. Dec. 7, 1886; d. Oct.
12, 1937

ISSUE

(3) Ivan Jones

(4) Dale Jones

VII (2) Ruth Barnettson, b. Sept. 15, 1888; d. Jan. 19, 1909

NO ISSUE

VII (3) Floyd Barnettson, b. Apr. 13, 1893; d. May 7, 1922

VII (4) George Barnettson, b. Apr. 30, 1897

VI (4) Mary Bell Kennedy, b. May 13, 1860; d. July 20, 1942
m. Nov. 7, 1881

King David Bookout, b. Feb. 16, 1849; d. Sept. 22, 1939

ISSUE

VII (1) Benjamin Bookout, b. Dec. 13, 1882

m. Sept. 26, 1911

Olive Viola Allen, b. Feb. 7, 1891; d. Aug. 7, 1940

ISSUE

VIII (1) Bert Louis

(2) Evelyn

(3) Robert

(4) Melvin

VII (2) Nina Pearl Bookout, b. Sept. 10, 1885

m. 1st Apr. 1911

William Strawder Custer, b. Oct. 22, 1878; d.
Feb. 4, 1926

ISSUE

VIII (1) Robert Custer

(2) Dale Custer

(3) Everett Custer

m. 2nd Aug. 6, 1938

Robert Ulrich, b. Feb. 2, 1876

NO ISSUE

VII (3) Vera Wilda Bookout, b. July 20, 1887

m. 1st Oct. 26, 1910

Warner Montgomery, b. Nov. 7, 1886; d. Dec. 13, 1933

ISSUE

VIII (1) Helen Montgomery

(2) Martha Montgomery

m. 2nd June 7, 1937

Erroll Yoell, b. Oct. 5, 1877

NO ISSUE

VII (4) Ora May Bookout, b. Nov. 23, 1893

m. Jan. 25, 1913

John Anderson

ISSUE

VIII (1) George Anderson

(2) John Anderson, Jr.

(3) Joseph Anderson

(4) Warren Anderson

NOTE: John Anderson, Jr. VIII (2) was County Attorney of Johnson County, Kansas four terms. He is now, 1963, serving his second term as Governor of Kansas.

VI (5) George Fox Kennedy, b. July 15, 1862; d. 1950

m. Mar. 3, 1886

Kate T. Talbert

NO ISSUE

VI (6) John Rigdon Kennedy, b. Nov. 25, 1863; d. Nov. 25, 1940

m. Mar. 22, 1912

Laura Edith Pincomb, b. ; d. Dec. 1, 1940

NO ISSUE

VI (7) Joseph James Kennedy, b. Feb. 24, 1867; d. Sept. 7, 1937

m. Apr. 17, 1901

Leota Sheets

ISSUE

VII (1) Paul Kennedy, b. 1902

m. July 19, 1935

Marjorie Clark

VII (2) George Kennedy, b. Aug. 14, 1904

m. Nov. 9, 1927

Lora Draper

ISSUE

VIII (1) Brandt Kennedy

(2) Paul Kennedy

(3) Rita Kennedy

VII (3) Clarita Kennedy, b. Nov. 12, 1909

m. Dec. 27, 1933

W. Harold Liddle

VI (8) Ruth Kennedy, b. Oct. 24, 1870; d. Nov. 24, 1871—in
infancy

VI (9) Annie Everett Kennedy, b. Mar. 27, 1872; d. 1949

m. Mar. 4, 1894

George Lyon, b. Aug. 25, 1869; d. Aug. 7, 1913

ISSUE

VII (1) Lydia Martha Lyon

(2) Marie Mignon Lyon

(3) Maude Wildia Lyon

(4) Florence Georgia Lyon

(5) Roy Thomas Lyon

(6) Lee William Lyon

VII (1) Lydia Martha Lyon, b. Feb. 10, 1895

m. Feb. 21, 1917

Ralph Williams

NO ISSUE

VII (2) Marie Mignon Lyon, b. Mar. 24, 1896

m. Jan. 6, 1923

Henry Yost

ISSUE

VIII (1) Allen Yost

(2) Arnold Yost

VII (3) Maude Wildia Lyon, b. June 9, 1898; d. Dec. 1962

m. Feb. 27, 1930

Bert Gray

NO ISSUE

VII (4) Florence Georgia Lyon, b. Mar. 20, 1900

m. June 14, 1923

Merrill Gaddis, b. Dec. 21, 1891

ISSUE

VIII (1) Marilyn Gaddis

(2) Birney Gaddis

VII (5) Roy Thomas Lyon, b. Mar. 5, 1905; d. July 18, 1913

NO ISSUE

VII (6) Lee William Lyon, b. Oct. 2, 1912

m. Mar. 31, 1935

Alice Pedigo, b. July 1, 1910

ISSUE

VIII (1) George Lyon

(2) Jean Lyon

(3) Ann Lyon

VI (10) Olive Dees Kennedy, b. Apr. 25, 1875; d. June 23, 1951

m. Mar. 20, 1894

Eugene Pardon Warner, b. Apr. 24, 1860; d. Jan. 2, 1948

ISSUE

VII (1) Lois Evadue Warner, b. Aug. 23, 1899

m. Mar. 25, 1923

Thomas J. Walz, b. Aug. 3, 1894

ISSUE

VIII (1) Larry Gene Walz

(2) Royce Clifton Walz

VII (2) John Ephriam Warner, b. Apr. 18, 1906

m.

Hazel Mayberry, b. Dec. 19, 1908

ISSUE

VIII (1) Joan Warner

(2) Elaine Warner

V (7) Matthew Kennedy, b. Jan. 22, 1830; Date of Death not known

NO KNOWN ISSUE

V (8) Sararah (Sally) Kennedy, b. Sept. 20, 1831

"Married Holister Davis, there was born to that union, Helen, Mary, and John. These children all went to Spokane, Washington in 1871." R. L. K.

V (9) Amy Kennedy, b. July 6, 1833; d. Oct. 15, 1887

"Amy Kennedy was a cripple from birth and never married." R. L. K.

V(10) Richard Kennedy, b. July 22, 1835

"Richard Kennedy first married a Connecticut lady and settled in New York. There was born to that union Richard Kennedy, Jr. and the mother died. Richard, Jr. was raised by his grandparents in Connecticut. About 1880, Richard, Sr. moved from New York to Quincy, Florida and was married a second time to C. Floyd. There was born to that union Mamie and Gurney Kennedy of Quincy, Florida." R. L. K.

V (11) James Gurney Kennedy, b. June 3, 1838.

"Gurney Kennedy married in Illinois, I don't remember the wife's name or any of the children, but they settled in Illinois and their children live there." R. L. K.

V (12) Mary Jane Kennedy, b. Nov. 25, 1840; d. Mar. 10, 1885
m.

Needham Stevens (widower)

ISSUE

VI (1) Sarah (Sally) Stephens

(2) Amy Stephens

"Both without heirs, never married." R. L. K.

This concludes the genealogy of the Kennedys of Wayne County, North Carolina. It is realized and regretted that it is incomplete in many respects. Many names are missing and also many dates. In some instances the information is scanty and incomplete. However, from the best information available to the author it is believed that the genealogy is generally correct.

CHAPTER V

Kennedys of Lenoir County, North Carolina

This chapter is concerned with the Kennedys of Lenoir County. This large family lived from early times generally about Lower Falling Creek, several miles west of Kinston. Many Kennedy descendants still live in this community. It is thought that the beautiful Kennedy Orphan Home is located at about the center of the Kennedy land holdings.

It will be recalled that Walter Kennedy II (1) died in 1751. Walter's son, John III (1), moved to Wayne County some time after his marriage in 1769. Walter's brother, John Kennedy II (2), remained in Lenoir County and is the direct ancestor of the Kennedys of that County and their descendants. For the sake of convenience and completeness, the genealogy of the Kennedys of Lenoir will start with John Kennedy II (2) and the identifying numbers will follow accordingly.

JOHN KENNEDY II (2)

II (2) John Kennedy, b. About 1720; d. About 1790

m.

Mary ———

ISSUE

III (1) John Kennedy, b. Feb. 17, 1764; d. Feb. 19, 1833

(2) Jesse Kennedy, b. Jan. 1, 1781; d. May 24, 1856

III (1) John Kennedy, b. Feb. 17, 1764; d. Feb. 19, 1833

m.

Jane ———

ISSUE

IV (1) Francis Kennedy, b. 1789; d.?

(2) Mary Kennedy, b. 1789; d.?

(3) Perces Kennedy, b. 1792; d. 1841

(4) Sally Kennedy, b. 1796; d.?

(5) Elizabeth Kennedy, b. 1798; d.?

(6) John B. Kennedy, b. 1801; d. 1866

(7) Nancy Kennedy, b. 1807; d. 1876

(8) Walter Kennedy, b. 1812; d. 1876

(9) Richard Kennedy, b. 1817; d.?

IV (5) Elizabeth Kennedy, b. 1798

m.

Shepherd Jones

ISSUE

V (1) Mary Jane Jones

IV (6) John B. Kennedy, b. 1801; d. 1866

m. 1st

Ester Croom

NO ISSUE

m. 2nd

———— Hartsfield

ISSUE

V (1) Elizabeth Kennedy, b. 1828

(2) Harriet Kennedy, b. 1830

(3) Claricy Kennedy, b. 1835

(4) Robert Kennedy, b. 1842; d. 1885

(5) Percis Kennedy, b. 1844

(6) Charles Kennedy, b. 1848; d. 1927

(7) Nancy Kennedy, b. 1852; d. 1885

V (4) Robert H. Kennedy, b. 1842; d. 1885

m.

———— Smith

ISSUE

VI (1) Mattie and Minnie Kennedy (twins)

(2) John Robert Kennedy, b. 1875; d. 1942

(3) Rufus Vance Kennedy, b. 1877

(4) Robbie (dt.) Kennedy, b. 1884

VI (1) Mattie Kennedy

m.

Robert Shepherd

ISSUE

VII (1) Robert Shepherd, Jr.

VI (4) Robbie Kennedy, b. 1884

m.

Zeb Williams

ISSUE

VII (1) Nora Williams

V (6) Charles Kennedy, b. 1848; d. 1927

m. 1st

Jane Wooten

ISSUE

VI (1) Forest Kennedy, b. 1879; d. 1931

m. 2nd

Maud Sutton

ISSUE

(2) Hope Kennedy, b. 1894

VI (1) Forest Kennedy, b. 1879; d. 1931

m.

Unknown

ISSUE

VII (1) Bruce Kennedy, b. 1904; d. 1947

VI (2) Hope Kennedy, b. 1894

m.

Harry Murry

ISSUE

VII (1) Gregory Murry, b. 1917

(2) Charles Murry, b. 1922

IV (7) Nancy Kennedy, b. 1807

m.

James Arundel Hodges

ISSUE

V (1) James (Jimmie) Hodges

(2) Sally Hodges, b. 1844; d. 1918

V (1) James Hodges

m.

Sarah Speight

ISSUE

VI (1) Lizzie Hodges

(2) Clarence Hodges

- (3) Irene Hodges
- (4) Effie Hodges
- (5) Carl Hodges

V (2) Sally Hodges, b. 1844; d. 1918

m.

Elijah Loftin

ISSUE

- VI (1) Nannie Lofton, b. 1868; d. 1939
- (2) Joel Loftin, b. 1872; d. 1893
- (3) Hardy Loftin, b. 1874
- (4) Carry Loftin, b. 1876; d. 1907
- (5) Rosa Loftin, b. 1878
- (6) Felix Loftin, b. 1880; d. 1955

VI (1) Nannie Loftin, b. 1868; d. 1939

m.

John Sutton

ISSUE

- VII (1) M. Elvis Sutton
- (2) Susie Dell Sutton
- (3) Catherine H. Sutton
- (4) Gretchen Sutton
- (5) Thelma Sutton
- (6) Joel Sutton
- (7) Harmon Sutton
- (8) Carolina Sutton
- (9) Sophia Sutton

VI (3) Hardy Loftin, b. 1874

m.

Sudie Pittman

ISSUE

VII (1) Hardy Loftin, Jr.

VI (4) Carry Loftin, b. 1876; d. 1907

m.

Phil H. Crawford

ISSUE

- VII (1) Doris Crawford
- (2) Murry Crawford
- (3) Phil H. Crawford, Jr.

VI (5) Rosa Loftin, b. 1878; d.?

m.

Max Yvan Ripley

ISSUE

VII (1) Max Y. Ripley

(2) Elijah Price Ripley

(3) Lyman Hodges Ripley

(4) Neil Ripley

VI (6) Felix Loftin, b. 1880; d. 1955

m.

Carrie Mathews

ISSUE

VII (1) Sarah Loftin

(2) George Loftin

(3) Dennis Loftin

(4) Eleanor Loftin

IV (8) WALTER KENNEDY

IV (8) Walter Kennedy, b. 1812; d. 1876

m. 1st

Eliza Kennedy

ISSUE

V (1) Jesse Kennedy, b. 1838; d. 1868

(2) John Kennedy, b. 1840; d. 1861

(3) William Kennedy, b. 1841; d. 1859

(4) Levi Kennedy, b. 1844; d. 1865

(5) James Kennedy, b. 1846; d. 1888

m. 2nd

Unknown

NO ISSUE

m. 3rd

Elizabeth Arundel Hodges

ISSUE

(6) Eliza Ann Kennedy, b. 1848; d. 1918

(7) Hattie Catherine Kennedy, b. 1849; d. 1906

(8) Walter Alonza Kennedy, b. 1852; d. 1917

(9) Melissa Kennedy, b. 1856; d. 1889

V (1) Jesse Kennedy, b. 1838; d. 1868

m.

Mary Ann Sugg

ISSUE

VI (1) John T. Kennedy, b. 1862; d. 1925

(2) Heber Kennedy, b. 1864; d. 1943

(3) Hettie Eliza Kennedy, b. 1867; d. 1944

VI (1) John T. Kennedy, b. 1862; d. 1925

m.

Zodie Dawson

NO KNOWN ISSUE

VI (2) Heber Kennedy, b. 1864; d. 1943

m.

NOT KNOWN

ISSUE

VII (1) Irene

(2) Roby

(3) Lonnie

(4) Nell

(5) James

(6) Louise

VI (3) Hettie Eliza Kennedy, b. 1867; d. 1944

m.

Arden Taylor

ISSUE

VII (1) William Kennedy Taylor, b. 1899

(2) Heber Taylor, b. 1904; d. 1954

(3) Troy Daly Taylor, b. 1908

(4) Ethel Taylor, b. 1910

V (5) James Kennedy, b. 1846; d. 1888

m.

Lucy Jane ———

ISSUE

VI (1) Eliza (Lidy) Kennedy, b. 1869

(2) Ruth Kennedy, b. 1871

(3) Rupert Kennedy, b. 1873

(4) Ralph Kennedy, b. 1875

(5) Walter Kennedy, b. 1877

(6) Thomas Kennedy, b. 1879

(7) James Edward Kennedy, b. 1886

All of the above are dead

VI (1) Eliza Kennedy, b. 1869

m.

Clem Hardee

ISSUE

VII (1) Letha Hardee

(2) Harold Hardee

(3) Ruth Hardee

(4) Glynn Hardee

(5) Lucy Hardee

VI (2) Ruth Kennedy, b. 1871

m.

Henry Brothers

ISSUE

VII (1) James Brothers, b. 1895; d.?

(2) Lucy Brothers, b. 1898

(3) Daly Brothers, b. 1900; d.?

VII (1) James Brothers, b. 1895

m.

Anna Bell Warren

VII (3) Daly Brothers, b. 1900

m.

Nannie Lou Hardy

V (6) Eliza Ann Kennedy, b. 1848; d. 1918

m.

J. W. Daly

ISSUE

VI (1) Willie F. Daly, b. 1868; d. 1891

(2) James Albert Daly, b. 1870; d. 1877

(3) John Edgar Daly, b. 1873; d. 1877

(4) James Edgar Daly, b. 1878; d. 1895

(5) Hattie Eliza Daly, b. 1885

(6) Susie Melissa Daly, b. 1888

m.

O. Stanley Waldrop

ISSUE

- VII (1) Suzanne Waldrop, b. 1922
- (2) O. Stanley Waldrop, Jr., b. 1924

VII (1) Suzanne Waldrop, b. 1922

m.

M. Harold Peterson

ISSUE

- VIII (1) Sarah Peterson, b. 1951
- (2) Susan Peterson, b. 1954
- (3) Marsha Peterson, b. 1957

VII (2) O. Stanley Waldrop, Jr., b. 1924

m.

Mary Lou Hardee

ISSUE

- VIII (1) Mark Stanley Waldrop, b. 1960
- (2) Suzanne Waldrop, b. 1962

V (7) Hattie Catherine Kennedy, b. 1849; d. 1906

m.

J. T. Daly

ISSUE

VI (1) Julia Mabel Daly, b. 1871; d. 1943

m.

Francis Roland Hodges

ISSUE

- VII (1) Hattie K. Hodges, b. 1893; d. 1958
- (2) Charlotte Elizabeth (Bessie) Hodges,
b. 1894
- (3) Claire Viola Hodges, b. 1895
- (4) John Daly Hodges, b. 1902; d. 1949
- (5) Francis Roland Holdges, Jr., b. 1909

VII (1) Hattie K. Hodges, b. 1893; d. 1958

m.

Elmer Worthington

ISSUE

Julia Mae, d.?

VII (2) Charlotte Elizabeth Hodges, b. 1894

m.

Albert Byrde

ISSUE

Two infant sons

VII (3) Claire Viola Hodges, b. 1895

m.

Ernest Paschall

ISSUE

VIII (1) Julia Daly Paschall, b. 1921

(2) James E. Paschall, b. 1923

VIII (1) Julia Daly Paschall, b. 1921

m.

Charles W. Manze

ISSUE

XI (1) Julia Claire Manze, b. 1947

(2) Charles Manze, b. 1949

(3) Jene P. Manze, b. 1957

VIII (2) James E. Paschall, b. 1923

m.

Leila Atkinson

ISSUE

IX (1) Claire Ann Paschall, b. 1949

(2) Julia Elizabeth Paschall, b. 1952

VII (5) Francis Roland Hodges, Jr., b. 1909

m.

Betty Herring

ISSUE

VIII (1) Charlotte E. Hodges, b. 1939

(2) Francis Roland Hodges, III, b. 1942

VIII (1) Charlotte E. Hodges, b. 1939

m.

Hugh Gordon Maxwell

ISSUE

IX (1) Elizabeth Gray Maxwell, b. 1958

V (8) Walter Alonza Kennedy, b. 1852; d. 1917

m.

Mollie Dawson

ISSUE

VI (1) Almeta Kennedy, b. 1877; d.?

(2) Beatrice Kennedy, b. 1879

(3) Mabel Kennedy, b. 1882

(4) Bessie Kennedy, b. 1884

(5) Eliza Kennedy, b. 1887; d.?

(6) Lucy Kennedy, b. 1889

(7) Walter Alonza Kennedy, Jr., b. 1892

VI (1) Almeta Kennedy, b. 1877

m.

Oddie Leon Wilson

ISSUE

VII (1) Oddie Leon Wilson, Jr., b. 1901

(2) Grace Wilson, b. 1902

(3) Violet Wilson, b. 1904

(4) Lorna Wilson, b. 1906

(5) Melford Wilson, b. 1911

VI (2) Beatrice Kennedy, b. 1879

m.

Rufus F. Hadley

ISSUE

VII (1) William A. Hadley, b. 1900; d. 1954

(2) Mary Elizabeth Hadley, b. 1903; d. 1907

(3) Beatrice Kennedy Hadley, b. 1905

(4) Rufus F. Hadley, Jr., b. 1909

(5) Robert N. Hadley, b. 1912

(6) James V. Hadley, b. 1915

VI (3) Mabel Kennedy, b. 1882

m. 1st

J. W. Fields

ISSUE

VII (1) J. W. Fields, Jr., b. 1909

(2) Walter Fields, b. 1915; d. 1920

m. 2nd

W. R. Crews

ISSUE

(3) Jack Crews, b. 1925

VI (4) Bessie Kennedy, b. 1884

m.

Milton L. Walters

ISSUE

VII (1) Milton L. Walters, Jr., b. 1906; d. 1953

(2) Alonza K. Walters, b. 1910; d. 1952

(3) Thomas Haywood Walters, b. 1912; d. 1962

VI (5) Eliza Kennedy, b. 1887

m.

Van Dillon

ISSUE

VII (1) Van Dillon, Jr.

(2) Henry Dillon

(3) Alonza Dillon

VI (6) Lucy Kennedy, b. 1889

m.

Harry Hodges

ISSUE

VII (1) Harry Mead Hodges, b. 1912

(2) Thomas Hodges, b. 1915

VI (7) Walter Alonza Kennedy, Jr., b. 1892

m.

Hannah Hodges

ISSUE

VII (1) Kenith Kennedy, b. 1908

(2) Mark H. Kennedy, b. 1910

(3) Mary Emma Kennedy, b. 1912

V (9) Melissa Kennedy, b. 1856; d. 1889

m.

Robert Dawson

ISSUE

VI (1) Walter Dawson, b. 1882

(2) Edgar Dawson, b. 1885

IV (9) RICHARD KENNEDY

Richard Kennedy IV (9) was the last child and youngest son of John Kennedy III (1), the son of John Kennedy II (2). The information contained in the genealogy of Richard Kennedy which follows was obtained in large part from the records of Mrs. John A. Herndon of Kinston, North Carolina. Some items were obtained from Miss Hattie Daly, also of Kinston.

The name of this Richard Kennedy's wife was Sarah Loftin. They had three known sons and possibly other children. The following item is quoted from Mrs. Herndon's record

"Ashley Thomas Kennedy born June 23, 1844 and died August 11, 1920 had two brothers who fought in the same regiment and company; Richard Kennedy and Elbert Kennedy enlisted August 6, 1861—Co. A, 40th Regiment—War Between the States. Ashley Thomas Kennedy enlisted August 3, 1862, Lenoir County—Private—Co. E, 41st Regiment, 3rd Cavalry."

The order of birth of the three sons of Richard given in the genealogy is assumed.

IV (9) Richard Kennedy, b. 1817

m.

Sarah Loftin

ISSUE

V (1) Ashley Thomas Kennedy, b. June 23, 1844; d.
Aug. 11, 1920

(2) Richard Marion Kennedy

(3) Elbert Kennedy

V (1) Ashley Thomas Kennedy, b. June 23, 1844; d. Aug. 11,
1920

m. Sept. 25, 1866

Laurah Caroline Waller, b. July 24, 1849; d. Sept. 7,
1918

ISSUE

VI (1) Sarah Elizabeth Kennedy, b. Feb. 12, 1868; d.
Feb. 15, 1924

(2) Emma A. Kennedy, b. May 16, 1870; d. Jan. 26,
1921

(3) Hettie Virginia Kennedy, b. Dec. 28, 1872; d.
July 18, 1937

(4) William Thomas Kennedy, b. Nov. 5, 1875; d.
Aug. 16, 1934

- (5) Owen Arthur Kennedy, b. Apr. 24, 1878; d. June 24, 1922
- (6) Joseph Claudus Kennedy, b. Oct. 2, 1880; d. Sept. 23, 1939
- (7) Stephen Needham Kennedy, b. Oct. 20, 1885; d. Nov. 8, 1953
- (8) Floyd Durwood Kennedy, b. Apr. 27, 1889; d. Jan. 28, 1959
- (9) Hal Roscoe Kennedy, b. Sept. 30, 1893

VI (1) Sarah Elizabeth Kennedy, b. Feb. 12, 1868; d. Feb. 15, 1924

m. July 23, 1891

James Oscar Sutton

ISSUE

VII (1) Homer George Sutton, b. Aug. 1, 1892

(2) Carl Nathan Sutton, b. May 1, 1896; d. Nov. 3, 1940

VII (1) Homer George Sutton, b. Aug. 1, 1892

m. 1919

Ruth Dawson

ISSUE

VIII (1) Homer George Sutton, Jr.

VII (2) Carl Nathan Sutton, b. May 1, 1896; d. Nov. 3, 1940

m. Dec. 31, 1919

Sallie Measley, b. Oct. 3, 1894

ISSUE

VIII (1) Carl Nathan Sutton, Jr., b. Apr. 20, 1923

m. Dec. 25, 1947

Kyle Newborn, b. Feb. 1, 1914

ISSUE

IX (1) Sallie Jill Sutton, b. Oct. 16, 1950

VI (2) Emma A. Kennedy, b. May 16, 1870; d. Jan. 26, 1921

m. Jan. 8, 1890

Levi B. Byrd, b. Jan. 10, 1866; d. Sept. 29, 1934

ISSUE

- VII (2) Arthur Gordon Byrd, b. Aug. 29, 1900; d.
Mar. 1, 1960
m. May 4, 1919
Ruth Stancil Tilghman, b. June 2, 1902

ISSUE

- VIII (1) Melba Lucille Byrd, b. Aug. 11,
1920
m. 1947
Malcom LaPhew, b. Jan. 21, 1913
VIII (2) Arthur Gordon Byrd, Jr., b. Aug. 2,
1923
m. Mar. 6, 1948
Mary Alice Moore, b. Oct. 9, 1926

ISSUE

- IX (1) Richard Gordon Byrd. b.
Mar. 17, 1949
(2) Elizabeth Byrd, b. Aug. 18,
1951
VIII (3) Joseph Edward Byrd, b. Mar. 28,
1926
m. Nov. 29, 1946
Dorothy Mae Dail, b. Apr. 2, 1927

ISSUE

- IX (1) Joseph Carol Byrd, b. Aug.
14, 1947
(2) Donald Gary Byrd, b. July
19, 1948
(3) Edward Stancil Byrd, b.
Mar. 8, 1956
VIII (4) Eleanor Bigler Byrd, b. May 8, 1928
m. Sept. 20, 1947
Alpheus Wilber Whitley, b. July 21,
1925

ISSUE

- IX (1) Wilbur Alan Whitley, b.
Nov. 28, 1951
(2) Kerry Arthur Whitley, b.
June 1, 1960

VIII (3) Elbert Lynwood Byrd, b. Aug. 23,
1932

m. Sept. 20, 1959

Bobby Ann Dail, b. Aug. 9, 1939

VIII (6) Kinney Wallace Byrd, b. Sept. 31,
1936

m. Oct. 26, 1956

Verona Gray Rouse, b. Oct. 27, 1933

ISSUE

IX (1) Kay Laynette Byrd, b. Oct.
13, 1960

VI (3) Hettie Virginia Kennedy, b. Dec. 28, 1872; d. July 18,
1937

m. Nov. 13, 1894

Robert Edward Simmons, b. Nov. 23, 1865; d. Dec. 1,
1927

ISSUE

VII (1) Laura Annie Simmons, b. Nov. 6, 1895; d. Feb.
7, 1957

m. Nov. 14, 1915

Drew William Pollock, b. Aug. 16, 1892; d.
July 11, 1958

ISSUE

VIII (1) Robert Collins Pollock, b. Nov. 23,
1916

m. Nov. 26, 1947

Mollie Margaret Wallace, b. Nov.
29, 1916

ISSUE

IX (1) James Carlton Pollock, b.
May 20, 1952

(2) Nancy Rangeley Pollock, b.
Sept. 2, 1954

(3) Robert Collins Pollock, Jr.,
b. July 18, 1955

VIII (2) Drew William Pollock, Jr., b. Jan.
31, 1923

m. Apr. 30, 1948

Grace Doughety, b. Aug. 27, 1926

ISSUE

IX (1) Drew William Pollock III,
b. Nov. 17, 1949

VII (2) Varion Elizabeth Simmons, b. Mar. 21, 1898
m. Jan. 23, 1919
John Aaron Herndon, Jr., b. Oct. 9, 1898

ISSUE

VIII (1) Varion Elizabeth Herndon, b. Nov.
17, 1931

m. June 15, 1952
Randolph Denard Spear II, b. Jan.
7, 1932

ISSUE

IX (1) Varion Ann Spear, b. Jan.
11, 1954

(2) Amy Herndon Spear, b.
Oct. 25, 1955

(3) Randolph Denard Spear
III, b. June 7, 1957

(4) Julia Herring Spear, b. Oct.
16, 1959

VII (3) Pearl Helen Simmons, b. Jan. 17, 1902
m. Nov. 12, 1919
Robert Ernold Todd

ISSUE

VIII (1) James Elwyn Todd, b. Sept. 1, 1920

m. July 12, 1943
Elizabeth Gray Jones, b. Dec. 19,
1920

ISSUE

IX (1) Elizabeth Gray Todd, b.
Jan. 28, 1945

(2) Barbara Lee Todd, b. June
3, 1947

(3) James Elwyn Todd, Jr., b.
Oct. 10, 1953

(4) Jesse Aldon Todd, b. Feb.
15, 1956

VI (4) William Thomas Kennedy, b. Nov. 5, 1875; d. Aug. 16, 1934

m. Dec. 30, 1896

Lucy Harper, b. Jan. 19, 1874; d. May 27, 1947

ISSUE

VII (1) Jessie Lee Kennedy, b. Dec. 3, 1897

m. Sept. 6, 1919

Willie Leland Measley, b. May 4, 1897

(2) Harry Kennedy, b. Oct. 28, 1901

m. Aug. 10, 1935

May Elizabeth Hudson, b. July 13, 1905

ISSUE

VIII (1) Betty Lou Kennedy, b. July 22, 1939

m. June 30, 1962

Roy Thomas Carroway

(2) Myrtle Harper Kennedy, b. Feb. 10, 1944

m. Oct. 10, 1962

Tommy I. Sutton

VII (3) Frances Harper Kennedy, b. Nov. 19, 1903; d. Nov. 16, 1960

m. July 19, 1925

Marvin Dunbar

ISSUE

VIII (1) Marvin Edward Dunbar, b. June 10, 1928

m.

Hazel Jeanette Weathersbee, b. July 5, 1931

ISSUE

IX (1) Christopher Nolan Dunbar, b. Feb. 2, 1952

(2) Robert Gregory Dunbar, b. Dec. 22, 1954

(3) Eric Stephen Dunbar, b. July 11, 1956

(4) Shannon Lee Dunbar, b. Aug. 26, 1958

VIII (2) Francis Allen Dunbar, b. May 14,
1934

m. Nov. 15, 1958

Faye Catherine Avery

ISSUE

IX (1) Debra Faye Dunbar, b.
Sept. 26, 1959

(2) Sharon Kay Dunbar, b.
July 17, 1962

VII (4) William Lafayette Kennedy, b. July 8, 1907

m. Sept. 20, 1934

Elleze Elizabeth Thornton, b. Sept. 27, 1910

ISSUE

VIII (1) William Thornton Kennedy, b. July
7, 1940

(2) Mary Sue Kennedy, b. Oct. 20, 1947

VII (5) Ashley Harper Kennedy, b. Sept. 21, 1911

m. 1st Nov. 4, 1938

Florence Edythe Eason, b. Dec. 15, 1906; d.
Jan. 31, 1939

m. 2nd Mar. 8, 1949

Beulah Dare West, b. Feb. 14, 1917

VI (5) Owen Arthur Kennedy, b. Apr. 24, 1878; d. June 14,
1922

m. Jan. 14, 1902

Ida Della Johnson, b. Jan. 3, 1873; d. Oct. 3, 1958

ISSUE

VII (1) Earl Wingate Kennedy, b. June 26, 1905

m. Oct. 15, 1927

Evelyn Marjorie Moore, b. Jan. 11, 1906

ISSUE

VIII (1) Bernon Kennedy, b. May 12, 1938

m. Jan. 10, 1959

Levonda Todd

ISSUE

IX (1) Kemberly Levonda Ken-
nedy, b. May 29, 1961

VIII (2) Vernon Leonard Kennedy, b. May
12, 1938 (Twin to Bernon)

VII (2) Cedric Arthur Kennedy, b. Jan. 3, 1908; d.
Aug. 10, 1957

m. Jan. 6, 1932

Eva Harper, b. Oct. 18, 1906

ISSUE

VIII (1) Kent Poe Kennedy, b. Dec. 5, 1932

VII (3) Owen Adair Kennedy, b. Aug. 4, 1909

m. Jan. 6, 1932

Mary Harper, b. Feb. 17, 1909

ISSUE

VIII (1) Peggy Harper Kennedy, b. Sept. 20,
1932

m. Aug. 28, 1955

Lee Chandler Carter

ISSUE

IX (1) Mary Catherine Carter, b.
June 4, 1957

(2) Martha Linda Carter, b.
Aug. 6, 1960

(3) Lee Chandler Carter, Jr.,
b. Oct. 12, 1962

VIII (2) Arthur Louis Kennedy, b. Oct. 11,
1942

VII (4) Joel Johnson Kennedy, b. Nov. 12, 1911

m. Feb. 7, 1936

Ruby Sutton Whaley, b. May 9, 1915

ISSUE

VIII (1) Marjorie Glan Kennedy, b. Oct. 22,
1938

m. Aug. 3, 1959

Robert David Moore, b. Jan. 6, 1939

ISSUE

IX (1) Robert David Moore II, b.
May 21, 1962

VIII (2) Ida Geraldine Kennedy, b. June 9,
1940

(3) Ruby Carol Kennedy, b. Jan. 3, 1948

VII (5) Daniel Hugh Kennedy, b. Sept. 17, 1913

m. Sept. 17, 1942

Cora Marguerite Vause, b. Mar. 25, 1913

ISSUE

VIII (1) Daniel Hugh Kennedy II, b. Nov.
27, 1947

(2) Cora Jane Kennedy, b. Apr. 3, 1952

(3) Charlene Kay Kennedy, b. Nov. 27,
1953

VII (6) Irene Kennedy, b. Dec. 18, 1916

m. Dec. 25, 1938

Robert Lee Taylor, b. Nov. 17, 1913

ISSUE

VIII (1) Patricia Ann Taylor, b. Sept. 13,
1940

m. Feb. 10, 1962

John Owens Connor, Jr., b. Apr. 12,
1937

VIII (2) Robert Lee Taylor, Jr., b. Dec. 26,
1956

VI (6) Joseph Claudus Kennedy, b. Oct. 2, 1880; d. Sept. 23,
1939

m. July 7, 1908

Mary Elizabeth Leggett, b. Apr. 19, 1884

ISSUE

VII (1) Annie Laurie Kennedy, b. Feb. 21, 1912

m. Apr. 21, 1940

Francis Asbury Edwards, b. Aug. 14, 1909

VII (2) Joseph Claudus Kennedy, Jr., b. Aug. 23, 1914

m. Aug. 23, 1937

Marjorie Lillian Parker, b. Mar. 2, 1921

ISSUE

VIII (1) George Claud Kennedy, b. May 9,
1938

m. Dec. 27, 1961

Hilda Faye Howard

VI (7) Stephen Needham Kennedy, b. Oct. 20, 1885; d. Nov. 8, 1953

m. Nov. 11, 1917

Anna Lee Johnson, b. Sept. 13, 1897

ISSUE

VII (1) Heddla Hartford Kennedy, b. Sept. 22, 1918;
d. June 27, 1944

m. Nov. 21, 1939

Mildred Christen Arnold, b. Aug. 9, 1920

ISSUE

VIII (1) Michael Ray Kennedy, b. Feb. 17, 1943

m. Aug. 24, 1962

Wanda Fay Surles, b. Apr. 10, 1943

VII (2) Andrew Thomas Kennedy, b. Feb. 18, 1920; d.
Dec. 20, 1933

VI (8) Floyd Durwood Kennedy, b. Apr. 27, 1889; d. Jan. 28, 1959

m. Dec. 26, 1910

Rosa Johnston, b. Sept. 11, 1891

ISSUE

VII (1) Adolph Douglas Kennedy, b. June 17, 1915

m. May 23, 1938

Mary Clyde Hill

V (2) RICHARD MARION KENNEDY

Richard Marion Kennedy V (2) was the second son of Richard Kennedy IV (9) and grandson of John Kennedy III (2). He was the brother of Ashley Thomas Kennedy V (1), record above.

V (2) Richard Marion Kennedy, b. about 1845-6

m.

Mattie Ann Wiley, b. about 1847-8

ISSUE

VI (1) May Olivia Kennedy

(2) John Kennedy, died at 20 years

(3) Stella Kennedy

(4) Sallie Kennedy

(5) George Kennedy

VI (1) May Olivia Kennedy

m.

Daniel Worthington

ISSUE

VII (1) Almeta Worthington

(2) Stella Mae Worthington

(3) Milton K. Worthington

VII (1) Almeta Worthington

m.

Perry R. McLawhorn

VII (2) Stella Mae Worthington, b. Oct. 19, 1906

m. June 15, 1929

Fred Johnson Skinner, b. Sept. 15, 1906

ISSUE

VIII (1) Marion Skinner, b. 1930

m.

Bruce Barton, b. 1925

(2) Norman Skinner, b. 1933

m.

Cedella Miller

(3) Eleanor Skinner, b. 1937

m.

Maylon Lewark

(4) Freddie Estell Skinner, b. 1941

(5) Charles Skinner, b. 1944

VII (3) Milton Kennedy Worthington, b. Apr. 23, 1912

m.

Sadie Thomas

ISSUE

VIII (1) Milton Kennedy Worthington, Jr.

m.

Geraldine Bullock

(2) Nancy Worthington

m.

Sylvester Boyd

VI (3) Stella Kennedy

m.

Arthur Jackson

ISSUE

VII (1) Natalie Jackson

m.

Jack Corbett

(2) Thomas Jackson

VI (4) Sallie Kennedy

m.

David Jackson

ISSUE

VII (1) Clifton Jackson

(2) Troy Jackson

VI (5) George Kennedy

m.

Ruth Turnage

NO ISSUE

III (2) JESSE KENNEDY

The following genealogy of Jesse Kennedy III (2) was taken from the record of Mrs. J. F. Parrott of Kinston, North Carolina, who is a descendant of Jesse. Jesse Kennedy III (2) was the son of John Kennedy II (2), and a brother of John Kennedy III (1). See early genealogy.

III (2) Jesse Kennedy, b. Jan. 1, 1781; d. May 24, 1856

m.

Elizabeth Hardec, b. 1781; d. Sept. 1, 1858

ISSUE

IV (1) Thomas J. Kennedy, b. Mar. 31, 1817; d. Oct. 7, 1884

(2) Harriet Kennedy m. Parrott

(3) Polly Kennedy, m. Byrd

(4) Sarah Kennedy, m. Parrott

(5) Eliza Kennedy, m. Walter Kennedy

(6) Bright Kennedy, m. Huldah Sutton

IV (1) Thomas J. Kennedy, b. Mar. 31, 1817; d. Oct. 7, 1884
m. Jan. 1841

Martha E. Allen, b. Jan. 30, 1826; d. Dec. 13, 1882

ISSUE

V (1) Jesse Croom Kennedy, b. Dec. 13, 1841; d. July 3, 1889

(2) Mary Anne Elizabeth Kennedy, b. Nov. 15, 1843; d. Apr. 5, 1924

(3) William Lafayette Kennedy, b. Nov. 18, 1845; d. July, 1929

(4) Alpheus T. Kennedy, b. Nov. 30, 1852; d. Feb. 16, 1892

(5) Sidney Gustavus Kennedy, b. June 12, 1855; d. Jan. 27, 1877

(6) Cornelius Kennedy, b. May 10, 1848; d. Feb. 6, 1854

(7) Cornelia Inez Kennedy, b. June 18, 1858; d. 1928

V (1) Jesse Croom Kennedy, b. Dec. 13, 1841; d. July 3, 1889
m.

Alice Jackson

NO ISSUE

V (2) Mary Anne E. Kennedy, b. Nov. 15, 1843; d. Apr. 5, 1924

m. about 1872

William David Rayner

ISSUE

VI (1) Cornelius Eugene Rayner, b. Aug. 31, 1873

m. Jan. 1, 1908

Jessie E. Warman, b. June 10, 1888

ISSUE

VII (1) William David Rayner, b. Nov. 22, 1908

m.

Grace Jarman

ISSUE

VIII (1) William David Rayner, Jr.

m

Eva Dean

(2) Grace Rayner

m.

Leonard James Smith

ISSUE

IX (1) Leonard J. Smith,
Jr.

(2) Raymond Smith

(3) William David
Smith

VII (2) Ruth Rayner

m.

Lloyd H. Suggs

NO ISSUE

VII (3) Richard W. Rayner, d. 1942

NO ISSUE

VII (4) Mary Kennedy Rayner

m.

David E. McAvay

ISSUE

VIII (1) Daniel V. McAvay

VII (5) Jesse Kennedy Rayner

m.

Helen Taylor

ISSUE

VIII (1) Susan E. Rayner

(2) Jesse Kennedy Rayner, Jr.

VII (6) Edward B. Rayner

m. 1st

Polly French

ISSUE

VIII (1) Linda Rayner

(2) Edward B. Rayner, Jr.

(3) Warren Eugene Rayner

(4) Charles Rayner

m. 2nd

Mary Potter

VII (7) Martha Allen Rayner

m.

Robert C. Love, d. May 5, 1961

ISSUE

VIII (1) Pamela Love

(2) Robert C. Love, Jr.

VII (8) Cornelius Eugene Rayner, Jr.

m. June 1, 1958

Christine Taylor

ISSUE

VIII (1) Pamela Hazel Rayner

VI (2) Daisy Rayner

m.

Charles Jones

NO ISSUE

VI (3) Beatrice Rayner, m. Edward J. Hill

NO ISSUE

VI (4) Martha Charlotte Rayner

m. May 14, 1921

Loftin Agrippa Tart

ISSUE

VII (1) Daisy Dean Tart

m. Apr. 2, 1943

Victor Albert Anderson

ISSUE

VIII (1) Victor Albert Anderson, Jr.

(2) Loftin Anderson

VI (5) Genevieve Rayner

m. Apr. 26, 1910

William Nolley Cruikshank

ISSUE

VII (1) William Nolley Cruikshank, Jr.

m. Nov. 6, 1937

Mary Tucker

ISSUE

VIII (1) Mary Nolley Cruikshank

VI (6) Caspar Rayner died unmarried

V (3) William Lafayette Kennedy, b. Nov. 15, 1845; d. July, 1929

m.

Emily Hardee

NO ISSUE

V (4) ALPHEUS T. KENNEDY

V (4) Alpheus T. Kennedy, b. Nov. 30, 1852; d. Feb. 16, 1892

m. Jan. 7, 1874

S. Helen Rountree

ISSUE

VI (1) Zuleime Kennedy, b. Oct. 31, 1874

(2) Sidney Gustavus Kennedy, b. May 29, 1876

(3) Alpheus Rountree Kennedy, b. Feb. 19, 1878; d. Aug., 1929

(4) Mattie Wanita Kennedy, b. Oct. 10, 1881

(5) Helen Rountree Kennedy, b. July 1, 1883

(6) Emily Hazel Kennedy, b. Sept. 14, 1885

(7) Marjorie Lucie Kennedy, b. Feb. 22, 1888

VI (1) Zuleime Kennedy, b. Oct. 31, 1874; d. Jan. 17, 194—

m. 1st July 26, 1896

Marcellus Wooten, b. June 10, 1875; d. Nov. 10, 1899

ISSUE

VII (1) Marcellus Wooten, Jr., b. Sept. 2, 1897

m. 1918

Elsie Stotz

ISSUE

- VIII (1) Marcellus Wooten, III
(2) Richard Wooten
(3) Zuleime Wooten
(4) Robert Wooten

VII (2) Carrie Duffy Wooten, b. Sept. 13, 1898

m.

William F. Ward, b. Nov. 28, 1893

ISSUE

- VIII (1) William F. Ward, b. June 24, 1921;
d. Dec. 31, 1923
(2) Alfred Decatur Ward, b. July 3,
1924
(3) William F. Ward, Jr., b. Nov. 22,
1925
(4) Kennedy Wooten Ward, b. May 1,
1930

VIII (2) Alfred Decatur Ward, b. July 3, 1924

m. Oct. 1944

Martha Agnes Sweeny

ISSUE

- IX (1) Nancy Ward
(2) Alfred Decatur Ward, Jr.
(3) Sam Ward
(4) Martha Ward

VIII (3) William Farrier Ward, Jr., b. Nov. 22, 1925

m.

Betsy Fountain

ISSUE

- IX (1) Betsy Ward
(2) William Farrier Ward, III

VIII (4) Kennedy Wooten Ward, b. May 1, 1930

m.

Audrey Faye Peele

VI (1) Zuleime Kennedy

m. 2nd, Sept. 8, 1914

Charles A. Broadway, b. Oct. 15, 1864; d. Sept. 16, 1938

ISSUE

VII (3) Charles A. Broadway, Jr., b. Dec. 16, 1917

m. Feb. 1, 1938

Katie Conner, b. Aug. 20, 1919

ISSUE

VIII (1) Charles A. Broadway, III

(2) Donald Lynn, b. Apr. 25, 1955

(3) Jesse Alston, b. Sept. 19, 1959

VI (2) Sidney Gustavus Kennedy, b. May 29, 1876; d. Mar. 21, 1954

m. Dec. 24, 1902

Alma Louise Morrow, b. July 10, 1884; d. July 10, 1947

ISSUE

VII (1) Sidney Gustavus Kennedy, Jr., b. June 28, 1904

m.

Eleanor Gray Ennis, b. Dec. 12, 1908

ISSUE

VIII (1) Sidney G. Kennedy, III, b. Oct. 9, 1935

m.

Susan Pohlman, b. Oct. 1, 1936

ISSUE

IX (1) Sidney Dalton Kennedy, b. Sept. 12, 1961

VIII (2) William Ennis Kennedy, b. Feb. 27, 1940

(3) Eleanor Ennis Kennedy, b. June 16, 1953

VII (2) Helen Rountree Kennedy, b. Apr. 7, 1907

m. June 24, 1929

William Edwin Gunn, b. July 31, 1900; d. May 16, 1958

NO ISSUE

VII (3) William Lafayette Kennedy, b. Aug. 15, 1918

m. May 25, 1940

Elizabeth Cullom, b. May 9, 1924

ISSUE

VIII (1) Elizabeth Anne Kennedy, b. Mar. 1,
1941

(2) William Thomas Kennedy, b. May
20, 1942

VII (4) Alpheus Thomas Kennedy, b. Mar. 8, 1921

m. Jan. 1, 1944

Margaret Dillon, b. Jan. 25, 1922

ISSUE

VIII (1) Alpheus Thomas Kennedy, Jr., b.
July 23, 1950

(2) Margaret Louise Kennedy, b. Jan.
25, 1954

(3) Helen Marie Kennedy, b. Oct. 19,
1955

VI (3) Alpheus Rountree Kennedy, b. Feb. 19, 1878; d. Aug.
1929

m.

Josephine Steere

NO ISSUE

VI (4) Mattie Wanita Kennedy, b. Oct. 10, 1881

m. Sept. 25, 1901

James Franklin Parrott, b. Dec. 24, 1866; d. Nov. 24,
1946

ISSUE

VII (1) Helen Rountree Parrott, b. Jan. 16, 1903

m. Feb. 16, 1929

John Yancey Lonon

ISSUE

VIII (1) Frances Kennedy Lonon, b. July 1,
1931

m. 1st Sept. 6, 1952

John R. Lewis

ISSUE

IX (1) Helen Kennedy Lewis, b.
Nov. 8, 1955

m. 2nd June 10, 1961

Walter Philip Johnson

ISSUE

(2) Martha Louise Johnson, b.
June 1, 1962

VII (2) Lisbeth Harriet Parrott, b. Aug. 6, 1905

m. Aug. 20, 1938

Henry Berryman Sanders

ISSUE

VIII (1) Henry Berryman Sanders, Jr., b.
Jan. 22, 1942

(2) James Parrott Sanders, b. Aug. 17,
1945

VII (3) James Franklin Parrott, Jr., b. Oct. 8, 1908

m. Dec. 19, 1936

Mary Ruth Turner, b. Feb. 2, 1914

ISSUE

VIII (1) Anne Turner Parrott, b. May 12,
1938

m. Oct. 23, 1960

Howard Jack Leister

ISSUE

IX (1) Ashley Kennedy Leister, b.
Nov. 8, 1962

VIII (2) Mary Martha Parrott, b. Aug. 12,
1939

m. June 9, 1963

Clarence Adrian Goins

(3) Ruth Turner Parrott, b. Feb. 12,
1944

VI (5) Helen Rountree Kennedy, b. July 1, 1883

Died in infancy—NO ISSUE

VI (6) Emily Hazel Kennedy, b. Sept. 14, 1885; d. 1922

m. July 25, 1907

Frederick B. Sutton

ISSUE

VII (1) William Kennedy Sutton, b. Oct. 3, 1908

m.

Lyretha Lyerly

ISSUE

VIII (1) William Kennedy Sutton, Jr.

VII (2) Alpheus Sutton, b. Feb. 2, 1911

m.

Ruth Hardison

NO ISSUE

VII (3) Frederick Sutton

m.

Mabelle Catherine Pearce

ISSUE

VIII (1) Robert Harry Sutton

VII (4) Emily Sutton

m.

Kenneth Smith

ISSUE

VIII (1) Carl Smith

VI (7) Marjorie Lucie Kennedy, b. Feb. 22, 1888; d. Dec. 24,
1950

m. June 5, 1912

Ernest Eugene White

ISSUE

VII (1) Ernest Kennedy White

m.

Anne Wiley

ISSUE

VIII (1) Ernest Kennedy White, Jr.

(2) Daughter

- V (5) Sidney Gustavus Kennedy, b. June 12, 1855; d. Jan. 27, 1877
- V (6) Cornelius Kennedy, b. May 10, 1848; Died young
NO ISSUE
- V (7) Cornelia Inez Kennedy, b. June 18, 1858; d. 1928
m.
Matthew H. Wooten
ISSUE
- VI (1) Ethel Wooten
m.
Plato Collins
ISSUE
- VII (1) Lucile Collins
(2) Robert Collins
(3) Plato Collins
- VI (2) Bernice Wooten
m.
Fred Hines
ISSUE
- VII (1) Matthew Hines
(2) Wilmer Hines
- VI (3) Theo Wooten
m.
Warren McCullers
NO ISSUE
- VI (4) Inez Ermengarde Wooten, b. May 19, 1887
m. Dec. 27, 1910
Charles Guess Gulley
ISSUE
- VII (1) Cornelia Alice Gulley, b. Apr. 19, 1912
m. Dec. 27, 1941
Otto Creech
ISSUE
- VIII (1) Alice Inez Creech, b. Nov. 10, 1944

VII (2) Jane Ermen Gulley, b. Jan. 2, 1915
m. Dec. 25, 1937
Emerson Ledbetter Thomas

ISSUE

VIII (1) Victoria Ann Thomas, b.
Oct. 28, 1939
m. July 12, 1959
David Lee Chronister

ISSUE

IX (1) Leia Lee Chron-
ister, b. Sept. 11,
1961
VIII (2) Emerson Ledbetter Thomas,
b. Dec. 27, 1942

Here ends the long line of Jesse Kennedy III (2) and his wife, Elizabeth Hardee. It is regretted that many names and dates are missing from this record. Practically all of the authentic statistical information available to the author has been included. Missing names and dates can be shown on the blank pages provided for the purpose and the record of any family thus made complete.

CHAPTER VI

Conclusion

This chapter will not be very long. It is intended primarily as a means of making acknowledgments to those who have generously assisted the author in the preparation of this book. It is also planned to give a little information about the author including a summary of his military service.

The Kennedys referred to in this book lived in the early days in Wayne and Lenoir Counties, North Carolina. These two counties are in the middle Neuse River country. The land is very fertile and the country beautiful. The climate is mild and pleasant and the seasons generally good for fine crops. In the earlier days, there were many large plantations generally devoted to raising cotton. Of course the necessary other crops were also produced but the money crop was cotton. In later years, much tobacco was, and still is, raised in the community. The agriculture is now much diversified and includes poultry, livestock, corn, small grain, fruit and other products. Industries have also come to the cities and towns and many schools, banks, and commercial establishments exist. The country is thriving and prosperous. Things are not like they were in the days of the large cotton plantations and one crop economy. In the opinion of the author, they are now better.

A look at the genealogies will show how members of the Kennedy family are spread all over the United States. From the early Kennedy settlements on Lower Falling Creek near Kinston, we now find relatives from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is regretted that the present home of all members could not be shown. A few have been shown in order to give a picture of the spreading out over the country of members of the family. This represents and is indicative of the pioneer spirit of America. The Kennedys were not immune to this urge to move and press forward.

In early times the Kennedys of North Carolina were mainly planters, as were nearly all Americans of the south in those days. Nowadays we find Kennedys in all walks of life; farmers, lawyers, doctors, preachers, teachers, and all trades and professions. In all our wars, the Kennedy family has furnished its full share of the manpower required. It is a good family and one in which we can all take pride.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The author, Brig. Gen. John T. Kennedy, U. S. Army, Ret'd., now (1963) lives in Columbia, South Carolina. He was born in Colleton County, South Carolina, July 22, 1885, but the family soon moved to Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and it was in this county that he spent his youth. He attended the public schools of Orangeburg until 1903. He then received a scholarship to The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, where he was a student until 1904 when he was fortunate enough to receive an appointment to West Point. This was the beginning of his military career which lasted from his entry to West Point in 1904 until he retired from active service in 1946.

Upon graduation from the U. S. Military Academy in 1908, young Kennedy was appointed 2nd Lt. 6th Cav. and joined his regiment at Jolo, Philippine Islands. He participated in several engagements with hostile Moros in 1909 and was severely wounded in the action on Patian Island, July 4, 1909. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery in this battle.

After returning to the United States in 1910, Lt. Kennedy served at various stations and on the Mexican border. He was with Gen.

Funston's expedition to Vera Cruz in 1914 and with Gen. Pershing's expedition after Villa in northern Mexico in 1916. He went to France in World War I with the 5th Field Artillery regiment in August, 1917, and served in France with the 1st Division until the end of the war. He went with the 1st Division to Coblenz, Germany, on the Rhine, and served there with the Army of Occupation until April, 1919. Upon return to the United States in 1919, he was assigned to duty as instructor at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

From 1919 to the entry of the United States in World War II Kennedy was promoted through the various grades and served at different stations. His duties included much work at several of the army schools including duty as a student and instructor. He graduated from the Army War College in 1932 and was detailed on the General Staff where he served a term of four years.

At the beginning of World War II, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned to command the large army post of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He commanded this post throughout the war and soon after the war was retired as Brig. General in 1946.

SCHOOLS

Graduate, School of Musketry

Graduate, Mounted Service School, 1st year

Graduate, Mounted Service School, 2nd year

Instructor, Mounted Service School—two years

Instructor, Field Artillery School—four years

Honor Graduate, Command and General Staff School

Instructor, Command and General Staff School—two years

Graduate, Army War College

During his series of assignments, General Kennedy received the following decorations and medals: Congressional Medal of Honor; Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Silver Star; Purple Heart; Officer of the Etoile Noir (French Decoration); Philippine Campaign Medal; Mexican Campaign Medal; World War I Campaign Medal; World War II Medal and other citations.

The citation awarded for the Congressional Medal of Honor reads as follows:

Second Lieutenant, 6th U. S. Cavalry. While in action against hostile Moros he entered with a few enlisted men the mouth of a cave occupied by a desperate enemy, this act having been ordered after he had volunteered several times. In this action Lieutenant Kennedy was severely wounded.

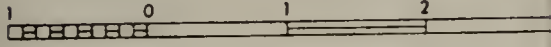
The citation for Distinguished Service Medal reads as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. As a regimental commander during the St. Mihiel offensive and the Meuse Argonne offensive he displayed conspicuous efficiency, marked aggressiveness, and leadership. By his exceptional technical and executive ability he solved many perplexing problems, although much handicapped by losses in men, material, and animals. He at all times rendered invaluable support to the attacking Infantry and proved to be a material factor in the result achieved.

LEGEND

1. Kennedy Children's Home
(Home of Thomas J. Kennedy IV (1 T Y
2. Home of Walter Kennedy IV (8)
3. Home of John Kennedy III (1)
4. Home of Jesse Kennedy III (2)

SCALE



1. Kennedy Children's Home
(Home of Thomas J. Kennedy IV (1))
2. Home of Walter Kennedy IV (8)
3. Home of John Kennedy III (1)
4. Home of Jesse Kennedy III (2)

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